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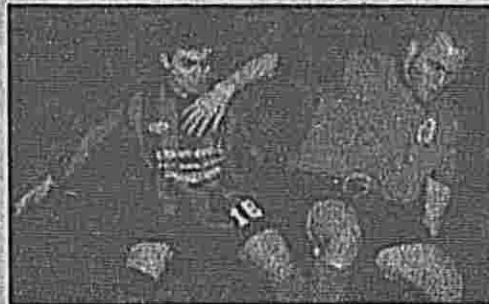
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Martini wants to lead Antioch Township

By Ginny Skweres
Staff Reporter

The township needs to address the issues of youth, families in need and seniors, Township Candidates Judy Martini said. Follows by quote, "she said." "The Antioch Township has grown and so has the need for services," said township candidate Judy Martini. "The township has not kept up." It needs to address the issues of youth, families in need and seniors, she said.

"I'm not talking about raising taxes, but to find the most effective way of funding township needs. I don't think there's waste in the current budget.

Instead, Martini would like to explore the possibility of seeking donations from the federal government and public and private partnerships, volunteerism and inter-

governmental cooperation.

"I'd like to see more projects like the park (recently approved by the village and township)," she said.

"First the township needs to work with the trustees of the village board in order to do a needs assessment on transportation. There should be a goal-setting session. Then you find the programs and the money through grants.

Martini said she has helped bring tax dollars back to the county and could do something similar for the township.

"I know so many people I think I could benefit the township," she said. "We need to apply for grants as much as possible. Volunteers are very key to running the township. This is a very giving community," Martini said.

She would like to see the town-

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Trustees and residents level accusations at Maravelas

By Ginny Skweres
Staff Reporter

Flurries of accusations have been flying fast and furiously around Antioch Mayor Taso Maravelas.

Paul Howard, director of the Antioch Senior Center has expressed that he perceives some of the mayor's action as harassment.

"On Feb. 15, I was called into the mayor's office with Village Administrator Alan Probst. The initial purpose of the meeting was for the mayor to tell me, 'I have my spies at the Senior Center who told me you are promoting Barbara Porch and Dorothy Larson at the Center,'" Howard said in a memo that he sent to the mayor, trustees, Alan Probst, Chief Fagan and Bob Long, village attorney.

Howard explained to the mayor

they had been to the Center on separate occasions. The mayor appointed Larson to the Senior Council and she had attended a meeting. Howard said he gave each trustee a short tour of the new addition and introduced them as trustees and made no mention that they were candidates.

"He (the mayor) also said Dorothy Larson was the person responsible for the Spierling money being misappropriated. I looked at the mayor quizzically and he said, 'You don't get it.' I asked, 'Don't get what?' He then said, 'You're an idiot.' And screamed at me to get out of his office. He jumped up, rushed to the door opened it and as I left he said, 'I ought to fire you.'"

On March 9, Howard was again called to the mayor's office and

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Photo by John Dickson

Scott Keenan, Executive Director of the Open Arms Mission, with the aid of Antioch mayor Taso Maravelas, cut through the ribbon to officially open the new facility for the Open Arms Mission.

'Open Arms' opens wide

Food pantry kicks off new fund-raising campaign at grand opening celebration

By Brenda Balin
Staff Reporter

In the butterfly room, at the new Open Arms Mission headquarters, at 1548 S. Main St, there is a sign that quotes Winston Churchill. It says, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

A lot of life goes on in this building, which houses one of the most extensive food pantries in the county, if not the state.

Antioch Mayor Taso Maravelas,

assisted by Chelsea Carr, Miss Lindenhurst, wielded the scissors at the official grand opening of the facility on March 19.

Originally based at St. Peter Church; in Antioch, the mission also oversees the Mother Teresa Home, a transitional residence for mothers and children. Open Arms relocated about a month ago, for both logistic and philosophical reasons.

"This is not a religious mission," said Open Arms Mission Director Scott Keenan. "It is, as our motto states, 'neighbor helping neighbor'." He described the organization as faith-based, but non-sectarian.

The search for a new venue was made easier when a local family stepped forward with an offer to cover the first year's rent.

Others have also helped "adopt a mission," covering related expenses.

In its first month at the new location, the mission served about

540 families.

One of the unique aspects of the Open Arms Food Pantry is that it provides not only canned and dry foods, but also fresh produce, bread, milk, poultry and meat.

Families in need can order the kinds of foods they need, and not find themselves forced to live on random selections of donated items.

In order to keep the milk program viable in the face of growing need, Keenan is kicking off the "Fill the Milk Jug" campaign, an ongoing effort to cover the costs of providing fresh milk to families.

The mission provides about 650 gallons of milk every month, at an average cost of \$2.50 per gallon.

"We'd like people to pledge a little each month," Keenan said. A pledge of \$25 per month would

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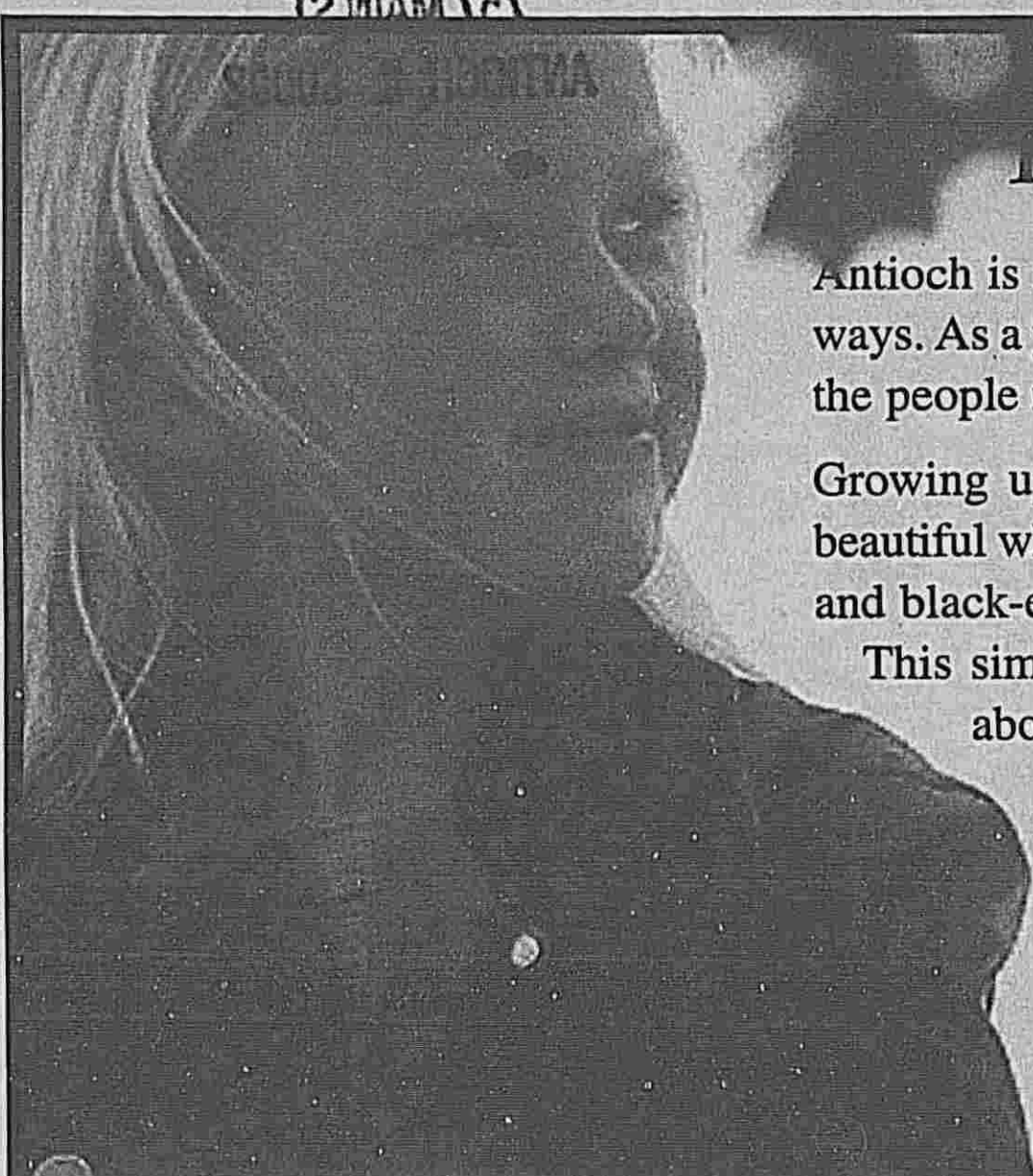
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What I have learned over the past 20 years of political and community service within Antioch is that you can't build a strong village, without building strong neighborhoods. And in Antioch, as it is across our nation, the simple white picket fence is the backbone that makes America strong.

My father, a wonderful, hard working man once told me... "If you don't like something, don't complain about it. Change it." He also helped me understand that each of us has two ears and only one mouth...so we would be best served by listening twice as much as we talk. We have listened to you...the people of Antioch, and with your support, we will bring positive change to Antioch.

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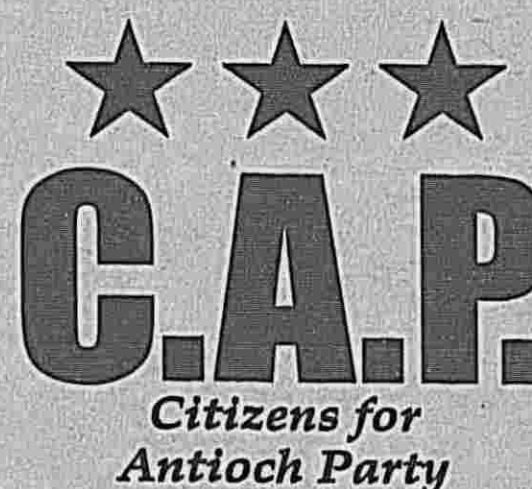
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consultant

I graduated from:
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What I like most about my town:
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Hobbies:
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If you have a "Neighbor" that you would like to see profiled in this column, call Lakeland Newspapers at 847-223-8161.

BIRTHS

Jennifer Lauren Mikolajczak, a daughter, was born March 11 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Dave and Laura Mikolajczak of Kenosha, Wis. Grandparents are Mary Bolton of Glen Ellyn; Bill Bolton of Western Springs and Edward and Mary Lynn Mikolajczak of South Milwaukee, Wis. Great grandparents are Helen Mikolajczak of South Milwaukee, Wis. and David Bolton of Phoenix, Ariz.

Rhyleigh Geraldine Sandford, a daughter, was born March 7 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Amy Stenseth of Antioch and Anthony Rowe of Genoa City, Wis. Her brothers are Cody Stenseth 10, Gaege Stenseth 6 and Auston Rowe 1. Grandparents are John and Donna Sandford of Trevor, Wis. and John and Donna Wallshield of Antioch.

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OPEN ARMS

cover the cost of 10 gallons of milk, but any kind of pledge is welcome. The goal is to cover \$1,625 each month.

The food pantry is run entirely by volunteers, including a number of high school students.

"The teenagers are such good workers," said volunteer Erne Stringer, who lives at the Lakewood Tower senior residence. "Without them, it would be hard to do this."

Seniors are, according to Keenan, a growing subgroup of clients.

"We are getting increased demand from Lakewood Tower, the Antioch Senior Center and Oak Ridge," Keenan said. "We plan to get an OK to bring a mobile pantry to the lobbies of senior residences about once a week."

Keenan said he hoped the effort to serve seniors could begin as early as May.

All donations to Open Arms are tax deductible. Checks can be made out either to Open Arms Mission or Mother Teresa Home, and sent to P.O. Box 79, Antioch, IL, 60002.

E-mail can be sent to openarmsmission@att.net. The Web site is openarmsmission.org, and the phone number is 847-395-0909.

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MARTINI

ship offer activities to the youth like other townships do.

"Offer some special events and mentoring programs," she said. "Other townships seek youth groups to help the seniors and those who stay at home. That project could include shoveling the snow and mowing the grass for the elderly and disabled," she said.

"I would be a hands-on supervisor and be involved. I would seek expanded hours on nights and weekends," she said. "I'd be there."

Martini said the township Web site needs to be expanded so the e-mail can be utilized and get some links there to be able to find volunteers, and you could seek sponsoring agencies through the Web site.

"Link to the village and parks so people know what's happening. It should get the village trustees and township trustees involved in the township. The village is still part of the township," she said.

As far as attending meetings, Martini said she has attended several meetings.

"I read about it in the newspaper. There's not a lot going on," she said. She was unable to attend the last meeting because she was making arrangements for an angioplasty for her 77-year-old father.

"Being criticized for light attendance is a farce. They don't take attendance," she said. "It's not how many meetings that you attend, but what you have accomplished."

Martini has been involved in politics for a number of years. She is the Lake County Board representative for District 1. She is the chairman of the Planning, Building and Zoning. She is a member of the following committees: Revenue, Records and Legislation; Forest Preserves; Forest Preserves Land Preservation and Acquisition; and the Forest Preserves Rules Committee.

She has additional political experience by being the director of the Fox Waterway Agency between 1991 to 1994. She was the Republican Precinct Committeewoman, number three, between 1994 and 2003, and was the Lake County Liaison to Fox Waterway Advisory Board.

Martini is licensed to sell real estate in both Illinois and Wisconsin, but that is something she would give up if elected, she said.

Martini ran for Township Supervisor in 1993, but lost to Jim Fields.

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CALENDAR

Friday, March 25

Bass Pro Shops Turkey Extravaganza, Mar. 25-27, at Gurnee Mills, Gurnee. Spend the day browsing, check out the educational seminars. Stop by the Lake County Longbeards, a chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, booth. Details at www.illinoisnwtf.org/Chapters/lakeco.htm.

Saturday, March 26

7 p.m., Bill Blagg III, the Magic Man and a Zion native, presents "Imagine," a night of magic & illusion at CLC in Grayslake. For tickets, call Tix at 1-800-595-4849 or go to www.tix.com.

Sunday, March 27

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

Monday, March 28

7:30 p.m., Antioch Jaycees meets last Mondays at Regency Inn, call 847-395-8035

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at The Antioch Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

Community support group or women who are dealing with abuse in their homes meets Mondays in Antioch. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at 847-249-4450 or 847-249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafeplaceforhelp.org for more information.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearses Mondays at ACHS. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272 to learn more.

Tuesday, March 29

6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers (BTC) hosts a dance & exercise class Tuesdays at Antioch Senior Center (downstairs), 817 Holbeck Dr. (behind fire station. Call Karen at 847-395-6244 to learn more.

Noon, Kiwanis Club of Antioch meets Tuesdays at Bacchus Restaurant (formerly TNT's). Please call Melissa at 847-489-8044 or e-mail her at mjrigo-ni@hotmail.com for more information.

6:45 p.m., Bingo Tuesdays, Antioch VFW, doors open 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for information.

1-2:30 p.m., Introduction to Word class at Salem Community Library, 24615 89th St. Limit of 8 per session. Please call 262-843-3348 to register.

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held Tuesdays at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rt. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 847-358-6181

Wednesday, March 30

6:30 p.m., Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, Wednesdays. Call Dorothy Stark at 847-395-7407 or Betty Muller at 847-838-3907 for more information.

Thursday, March 31

Last day, Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks. Donate non-perishable food items at 911 Toft St. Please call 847-838-9905 for hours/details.

Last day, Art Exhibit featuring Hana Sawyer, a local painter, will be featured during March at Salem Community Library's conference room, 24615 89th St. For more information, please call 262-843-3348.

6-7:30 p.m., Introduction to Word class at Salem Community Library, 24615 89th St. Limit of 8 per session. Please call 262-843-3348 to register.

7 p.m., National Alliance for the Mentally Ill support group for parents of young, school age children with a brain disorder meets last Thursdays at Calvary Church 1221 W. Maple Ave., Mundelein. Call NAMI at 847-249-1515 for details.

Friday, April 1

Apr. 1-17, "Morning's at Seven" presented by PM&L Theatre at 877 N. Main St. For tickets and times, call 847-395-3055 or go to www.pmltheatre.com.

9 a.m., Senior Coffee Hour, first Fridays at Salem Community Library, 24615 89th St., Salem, Wisc. Coffee, healthy snacks, programs for seniors and good conversation. Call 262-843-3348 for details.

Lake County Camera Club, 6:30 p.m. peer-to-peer discussion/socializing; 7:30 p.m., meets first Fridays. We now meet at the Warren Township Center in the park on southwest corner of Almond and Washington, Gurnee. Photo competition this month. All skill levels—digital and film. For questions, call Mike Ament at 847-356-6937 (1-6 p.m.)

Saturday, April 2

9 a.m.-Noon, Lake County Council Against Sexual Assault will accept donations on Saturdays through Aug. 13. Drop off furniture, new and used clothing, toys, games, books, housewares, small working appliances, lamps and sporting goods at LaCASA/Zacharias Center, 4275 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee. No computers, printers, fax machines, large appliances or medical equipment (e.g., wheelchairs, crutches). Please call 847-244-1187, Ext. 15 to learn more.

Now-Apr. 10, Art Exhibit by John Himmelfarb, a Chicago painter, at CLC's Grayslake campus. Free and open to the public. Call 847-543-2240 or go to <http://www.cllcillinois.edu/artgallery> for details.

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Lake County Chieftains place 4th at Nationals

The Lake County Chieftains, a Senior All-Star Cheerleading Squad from Grayslake, recently competed in the UCA National Cheerleading Competition at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. on March 12-13. This competition is known as the most prestigious cheer competition in the nation. The Chieftains competed in the Small Senior Level 4 competition against 22 other squads from all across the U.S. The division was the largest at the competition.

To prepare for this competition The Chieftains, coached by Laura Harris, practice year round at the Grayslake Gymnastics Factory. To be eligible to compete in the National Competition the squad must first compete in a regional competition and place First or qualify with an At Large Bid by earning a score of at least 80 percent or higher. The squad first qualified at a Regional Competition in Iowa, last October by bringing home a First Place. They then went on to compete in several more competitions across the Midwest taking First in all but two of them.

During the 2-day competition the squad performs twice earning a combined score with the first day's performance counting as 40 percent and the second day's as 60 percent. The girls performed a flawless routine the second day earning them the highest scores they had received all season. While placing Fourth is a great accom-



The Lake County Chieftains All-Star Cheer Squad celebrates its fourth place finish at a national tournament in Florida. The team consists of, back row left to right, Jessi Mikologic, Chelsea Marvin, Kelsey Siedler, Ashley Okrzeski, Kendall Waldo, Kall Browning, Amanda Lambert and Samantha Werner, middle row, left to right, Allie Baschenagel, Katie Thomsen, Karl Bethke, Elaina Gargano, Tina Weinert, Kaytee Foster, Ashley Amidel, Kiah Allenstein and front row, left to right, Jaclyn Norum, Kelli Ann Kirby, Liz Labellarte, Katelyn Docherty and Dana Ranal.

plishment it did not come easily for the girls. During the last practice the day before they were to leave for the competition, Samantha Werner broke her hand. The girls did not know this till they arrived in Florida for the competition. The squad had to replace Samantha with the alternate and make last-minute changes to the routine.

The squad includes girls from Grayslake, Antioch, Mundelein, Vernon Hills and Glenview. The Chieftains are sponsored by Pat's Pizza in Grayslake. Try-outs for next year's squad will be held in April at the Grayslake Gymnastics Factory. For try-out or general information please contact Laura Harris at 262-716-9666.

Send us your sports photos, stories and tidbits. Call Rob Backus at 847-223-8161, Ext. 130 or e-mail: sports@lakelandmedia.com

College of Lake County tennis camps

College of Lake County tennis coach Randy Malone plans to run several tennis camps for all ages in the coming months. Programs are as follows:

Junior spring tennis programs: Little Stars (ages 5-6), Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m., \$60; Future Stars (ages 7-9), Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m., \$60; All Stars (ages 10-12), Mondays from 4-5 p.m., \$60; Top Stars Academy (advanced), Saturdays from 10:30-noon, \$90.

Adult spring tennis programs: Fast Feed, Tuesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. or Mondays from 5-6:30 p.m., \$48; Adult Drill, Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-noon or Thursdays from 5-6 p.m., \$48; Turbo Tennis, Saturdays from 9-10:30 a.m., \$48.

Classes begin the week of April 25 and run through May 21. Saturday classes run from May 7-28.

Junior summer tennis programs: Little Stars, Mondays from 9-10 a.m. or Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m., \$60; Future Stars, Mondays from 10-11 a.m. or Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m., \$60; All Stars, Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. or Mondays from 4-5 p.m., \$60; Top Stars Academy, Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. or Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon, \$90; Points League/Match Play, Fridays from 10 a.m.-noon, \$40.

Session 1 runs from June 13-July 11 and Session 2 runs from July 12-Aug. 8.

Summer adult tennis programs: Fast Feed, Tuesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. or Mondays from 5-6:30 p.m., \$96; Adult Drill, Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-noon or Thursdays from 4-5 p.m., \$96; Adult Points League, Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon, \$40; Turbo Tennis, Saturdays from 9-10:30 a.m., \$96.

Classes run from June 6-July 30.

All of the above classes will take place at the College of Lake County tennis courts in Grayslake. Make all checks payable to Randy Malone, 87 Bayview Lane, Grayslake, IL 60030. For more information, contact Malone at 847-543-7622 or 847-738-7622.

Carmel Corsairs announces spring girls basketball camp

Carmel High School's Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, John Ryan will be conducting a four-week, eight-session basketball skills and fundamentals camp for girls in fifth grade through eighth grade. The camp has been designed to provide individual and group instruction as well as competitive play.

The camp will take place Sundays and Wednesday's from April 10 to May 4. For the Sunday sessions, the camp will be held from

noon until 2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$150 per player and registration can be taken over the phone by calling coach Ryan at 847-327-6309 or by e-mail at jryan@carmelhs.org

Adult and junior gold lessons offered by the Lake County Forest Preserves

The Lake County Forest Preserves Golf Development Program is seeking people who want to improve their golf games by learning from professionals. Led by PGA and LPGA professionals, the program is designed to get golfers of all levels, developing and improving their game. Golfers can register now for spring and summer lessons at Countryside Golf Club near Mundelein and ThunderHawk Golf Club near Beach Park.

Specialized formats and personal attention are part of the program, with a maximum of six people per class. The formats include the Junior Golf Academy, which features two levels of instruction for age-appropriate learning; Adult Weekend Clinics, with convenient, one-hour instruction offered on Saturdays; and the free Adult "Mini" Lesson, a special half-hour of free instruction designed to acquaint new golfers to the game. Classes and times vary by location. Private instruction is also available.

This year's program at Countryside includes: Junior Golf Academy, with two levels of instruction (\$80, four, one-hour classes), Junior Clinics (\$85, three, 1.5-hour classes), the unique, Junior "On-Course" Lesson, covering everything from tee to green (\$25, 1.5-hour class); and Adult Weekend Clinics, offered Saturday mornings beginning late May (\$25, one-hour class). Contact Countryside at 847-566-5544 for details.

ThunderHawk's golf instruction includes: Junior Golf Academy, with two levels of instruction (\$80, four, one-hour classes), Adult Evening and Weekend Classes (\$35, one-hour class), the special FREE Adult "Mini" Lesson, perfect for new golfers. Contact ThunderHawk at 847-872-HAWK for details.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all instruction. Register by phone or in-person at the course. You can also visit www.LCFPD.org and download a golf lesson brochure for additional details.

Countryside Golf Club is located on Hawley Road near Mundelein. For more information, call 847-566-5544. ThunderHawk Golf Club is located on North Lewis Avenue, near Beach Park and for more information call 847-872-HAWK.



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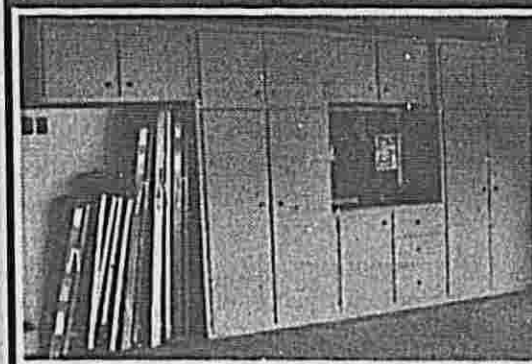
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Candidates aplenty for Antioch Township Trustees

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Eight individuals vie for the four positions that are open on the Antioch Township board. The four incumbents who are running include Judy Davis, Kevin Schuouel, Claudette Skvarce and Wanda Sobczak.

Newcomers to the race are Anita Dyer, John Edgell, Linda Pedersen and Steve Turner.

Judy Davis has been a township trustee for 10 years and has lived in the township for 30 years. Davis said that as a trustee she has been involved in acquiring property to develop into parks, and looking into solutions for local transportation problems.

"I would like to find us grants and would like to get other projects like those we have on board," Davis said.

Kevin Schuouel has been on the board for six years and was originally appointed to the position.

"I've had a good working rela-

tionship with the board, and work on the Open Space Committee with Claudette Skvarce," Schuouel said. "I'd also like to develop better communication with the village."

Claudette Skvarce has spent 12 years as a trustee.

"I love representing the people of Antioch Township," Skvarce said. "The most important thing we've accomplished is getting 40 acres for the park and another 30 acres across from Rena Avenue."

"We want to investigate with the village of Antioch the possibility of a bus transportation committee."

"I love being involved," she said. "It's a community with volunteers all over."

Wanda Sobczak has been a trustee for eight years, and values participation in intergovernmental agreements such as the township building and the park.

She believes there are many unmet needs and encourages residents to bring those needs to the board.

"My decisions are made with integrity and without bias, and use

reasonable and fair judgement. I have no personal agendas," Davis said.

Anita Dyer has been a resident of unincorporated Antioch Township for 35 years.

"True representation takes cooperation. Everybody's voice needs to be heard, Dyer said. "It's key for people to work together."

If elected, Dyer said she has some new ideas.

"We're missing a large part of our communications and it truly is cost-effective. Postage is very expensive."

"I promise to represent, and be an advocate for, all of the residents, all the time," Dyer said.

John Edgell has lived in the township for 20 years, living in his log home.

"I'm a behind-the-scenes-kind of guy," he said. "I'm on the Rescue Squad and give it 110 percent. It's that type of dedication I would bring to the board," Edgell said.

Linda Pederson, former legislative aide to the late State Representative Tim Osmond, said those six years give

"I love representing the people of Antioch Township,"

Claudette Skvarce
Incumbent

her good experience, she said. The trustees are the legislative arm of the township, she said.

"I would give my time, energy and experience to respond and to serve the Antioch Township residents."

Steve Turner has lived and enjoyed being in the area for 20 years. He began his career as a cement finisher and switched to sales for 18 years until the events of 9/11 convinced him he should avoid travel. He is the president of the District 34 school board.

"I'd like to see greater participation in county board meetings and would stress fiscal responsibility," Turner said. "I'm not part of the good-ole-boy network. You just roll up your sleeves and start working."

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OUR TOWN

Ginny Skweres

Want some cookies and juice?

It doesn't take long and usually you get juice and a cookie.

The First National Bank-Employee Owned is holding a community blood drive on Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bank's Antioch facility, 485 Lake Street, in the bank's community room.

The drive will be held in conjunction with the American Red Cross Interested parties can make an appointment by calling 847-838-2265 or walk in the day of the drive. The blood drive will take place

Volunteer donors must be at least 17 years old, although 16-year-olds may donate with written parental consent, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be in healthy condition. Donors can give blood once every eight weeks, since a healthy person replenishes the liquid portion of his or her blood supply in 24 hours.

It hardly hurts a bit and you never know whom your blood will help. If we saw the need with our own eyes, we'd probably be there without being asked. Circle the day.

For more information, call Kathy Nixon at 847-838-BANK (2265).

Congratulations to Rachel Kerner of Antioch Community High School who signed a letter of intent to participate in bowling at Robert Morris College, Waukegan.

Kerner was a two-time individual state qualifier for Antioch and won honors at the 2005 Illinois High School Association Section Bowling meet.

Antioch Crossing, the strip mall west of Wal-Mart, will celebrate their Grand Opening Saturday at 9 a.m. with a ribbon cutting. Following the brief ceremony, all of the stores will have an open house between 9 and 10 a.m. and everyone is invited.

The following stores have opened their doors: The UPS Store, Professional, Subway, Nextel, Jimmy's Pizzeria, PC Services, Family Dental and Payless Shoes.

If you haven't made it out there yet, Saturday is the day to go. You'll be in good company. The mayor and the trustees are expected to be there.

Air Force Reserve Senior Airman Kyle W. Franck has graduated from the Pavements and Maintenance and Construction Equipment Operator Apprentice course at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Franck learned skills and knowledge necessary to construct flexible and rigid pavements in the 70-day course. He learned how to operate graders, bulldozers, front-end loaders, backhoe, water distributors, forklifts, tractor-trailers, sweepers and dump trucks.

Franck is a 1995 graduate of Antioch High School.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Ginny Skweres at 847-223-8161, ext. 131 or e-mail, ginnys@lakelandmedia.com

Who is eligible for extracurricular activities?

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Some District 117 students who are eligible to attend a district school are educated in alternative situations.

Don and Kim Miller would like their freshman daughter to be allowed to participate in the school's soccer team even though she is educated through an accredited correspondence school. She is categorized in the group of home-schooled students, which can mean a variety of non-traditional education styles.

The school board seems reluctant to reconsider a policy it initiated a few years ago that prohibited outside students from participation, even though the residents pay taxes to the school.

"A decision is up to the school board according to school law, Board President Philip Delaney said. "A policy is in place, and has been in place."

Board member Dzik encouraged his fellow board members to have an open mind.

"We have a way to include kids rather than exclude them," Dzik said. "We have the ability and are empowered to make those changes to include kids."

The Illinois High School Association allows students who are educated in an alternative way to participate as long as they are taking at least four courses, and 20 hours of school.

Some board members are concerned about students who may be graded by their parents who might give them grades that make them eligible for

sports when they would not meet district standards for participation. Kathy Van Diem raised questions about how the nonstandard-students would be tested randomly for drugs as the other participants are tested.

"As time goes on, things have to be more flexible to meet kids needs," Dzik said. "You saw it in the workplace, universities. This board has the power to make that flexibility. I think we should accommodate. You don't have to be a full-time teacher to be a coach."

Board member Wayne Sobczak thought legal council should be sought.

"A professional can come to a consensus on policy. There isn't enough information right now without legal review," Sobczak said.

Kim Miller wanted to speak to the board to clarify some issues, but Delaney wouldn't let her speak.

Kim Miller was frustrated after the meeting. "They could make it so easy by accepting a transcript from the alternative school," Miller said. "If she wanted to attend the school full-time, they would accept her transcript. Colleges will accept her transcript."

Miller said her daughter is being educated by a correspondence school, so she can have the flexibility to continue her equestrian training, and said at the high school level of competition, there are no longer leagues or park district programs that offer her level of expertise and challenge her.

"Take just the kids with transcripts," Miller said. "Take it down to simple when students could produce credits for graded classes."

The board tabled the discussion until they could consult legal council.

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Photo by Sandy Bressner

KIDS LOVE EGGS

One-year-old Trinitee Eronen of Antioch is helped by her mom, Debbie, during the village of Antioch's annual Easter Egg Hunt in Williams Park. Approximately 400 children ages 1-10 hunted for 4,000 candy and treat-filled eggs.

More portable classrooms moving to District 34

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Due to the increasing enrollment at District 34, the school board approved the decision to rent four more single portable classrooms. Two will be used at W.C. Petty and the other two will be set up at Oakland Elementary School. The cost to lease the four single portable classrooms will cost \$69,684 for three years.

The board decided to opt for the individual classrooms because they are 10 feet longer, which will provide extra space that could be used for storage if necessary.

At Oakland School, one of the rooms will probably be used for band lessons.

As a security measure, each loca-

tion will set up the classrooms so their doors are facing one another and they will share a common deck between them.

If the student population in the district continues to grow, there will come a time that it will become necessary to build another school. For now though, the board has decided to make use of portable classrooms.

The board also approved the purchase of five one-year-old school busses. With the trade-in of existing busses, the new ones will cost close to \$52,000. The district will also buy a one-year-old school bus that accommodates wheel chairs at the cost of \$46,800. School Board president Steve Turner said some of the cost will be reimbursed by the state.

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Drug testing to change for athletes

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Instead of the more common urine tests for drugs, the school board voted 5 to 2 in favor of changing to the use of testing hair for drugs.

A urine test provides results for the previous seven days, but a hair test picks up on drugs taken during the previous three months. It would cost \$20,000 more than the urine testing.

Students who play sports are

subject to drug testing which is mandated by the state. Last year the district used urine tests for students at the beginning of each sports season, and of the 640 students tested, none were positive.

The district also uses random drug testing on athletes and while there were no positive responses, four students refused to take the test.

"To me, the mandatory testing doesn't do anything," Vicki Axton of the school board said. "The random testing does. The students sign a form that applies all year round."

"Random testing is a lot more effective," Dzik said.

"We should continue to be proactive," Wayne Sobczak, board member, said. "I think we ought to have hair testing. It's worth spending the money. Testing sends the right message."

The board will test athletes for drugs by using hair tests on the mandated athlete tests, and urine tests on the random tests.

Joyce Heneberry and Kathleen VanDien voted against the change.

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SCHOOLNOTES

Auxiliary gym opens ahead of schedule

Physical education classes Antioch High School are enjoying extra indoor activity space starting this week, thanks to the completion of a 3,500 square foot auxiliary gym. Originally scheduled to open this spring, the \$1.7 million space was finished slightly ahead of schedule.

For now, classes will play soccer, floor hockey, volleyball and ultimate Frisbee in the gym, but plans are being made for basketball equipment to be added. Boys' volleyball has already begun to use the facility for morning practices. A batting cage provides indoor practice space for baseball. The netting can also be used as an indoor driving range for golf. Girls' gymnastics will use the area for competition next winter.

A training room and washrooms round out the building's amenities.

Variety Show

Bands, comedians and other performers entertained audiences at the Antioch Community High School's annual variety show. The variety show spotlighted student and teacher talent last week.

Rock bands Cream Tangerine and Forgotten were on hand, as well as stand-up comedy and singing. Even a few teachers put their talents on display.

Emcees Grace Eidmann, David Whitacre, Kaitlen Quist and Liz Ardagna introduced the dozen performers scheduled for each show. In a departure from previous years, several acts performed at both shows.

Acts auditioned and rehearsed, and each had signed a pledge not to deviate from the rehearsed act in an effort to avoid surprises like the one that damaged a curtain last spring, according to sponsor Julie Elver.

Proceeds from the event go toward funding the prom on May 21.

Finesse staff earns top rating for 2004 magazine

The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) has recognized the 2004 edition of Finesse with its Highest Award, one that only 96

schools received out of 461 entries nationwide.

Antioch High School's magazine was recognized along with two others from Illinois, Dekalb High School and Lake Forest High School. This is the highest rating ACHS has received from NCTE.

Seminar students stage Midsummer scene

William Shakespeare's fanciful comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream came to life Monday afternoon for a small group of sophomores who performed a portion on stage for their fellow students.

Twelve English 2 Seminar students took the stage as part of their study of the play. Teacher Kelly Blecke assigned a portion of Act Three, Scene 2. In this part of the play, the four lovers fall under the spell of a love potion, which mixes up everyone's affections. Teacher Michelle Netterstrom's class to sit in the audience for the 15-minute reading.

Blecke said her goal was for the students to get a sense of the characterizations and also do some analysis of the play in a creative way. The group spent roughly a week preparing to stage the scene, after first receiving some instruction on acting and staging.

Math classes indulge themselves on Pi Day

People might have wondered if they were in the wrong hallway on Monday as poetry readings and dessert tables made appearances in math classes. But it was all just a part of Pi Day, the celebration held each year on March 14 to note the importance of Pi, the value of a circle's circumference divided by its diameter (roughly 3.141592).

Some classes wrote and recited poetry, which either used Pi as their subject or were structured to incorporate the value of Pi in their word choice. Others feasted on cream, fruit and chocolate pies brought in for the occasion.

Pi dates back to the ancient Babylonians and Egyptians. Archimedes is credited with the first theoretical calculations of Pi in the third century. Modern computers have computed billions of decimal places for Pi's value.



Photo by Sandy Bresner

Antioch Mayor Taso Maravelas and Antioch Township Supervisor Steve Smouse deliver a meal to Patrick Hacke at his Antioch home as part of the Meals on Wheels program based at the Antioch Township Center. The program is promoting their March for Meals campaign to draw more volunteers and drivers.

March for seniors

More volunteer drivers are needed

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

In honor of March for Seniors Month, Taso Maravelas and Steve Smouse took a turn delivering Meals on Wheels, a program that brings homebound senior citizens a nutritionally balanced hot meal at noon every day.

According to Ronna Levin of Catholic Charities, the organization serves about 70 meals a day in Antioch, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst. Recipients do not need to be Catholic in order to be served.

Levin asked Maravelas and Smouse to

help out because they both have had a long-standing interest in helping seniors. Smouse was named Man of the Year for Catholic Charities and Maravelas catered the meals long before he was mayor, and has been good to the charity, Levin said.

She is hoping their high profiles in the community will bring out an awareness of the need the charity has for drivers.

"We'd like to have 50 to 60 volunteer drivers but has only 35 volunteers at the time. Some volunteers volunteer a few days a week. Others, often organizations rather than individuals will volunteer one week out of five. When correctly staffed, the deliveries should take one to one and half-hours, depending on how chatty the drivers and the seniors are."

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Driving without a valid driver's license

Franklin R. Perdoma, 24, of 262 Grand Ave., Fox Lake, was stopped by police on March 20 at 4:41 a.m. As he turned northbound on Route 83 from eastbound North Avenue, he drove into the oncoming lane of traffic, police said. They learned his driver's

license was suspended, for which he was ticketed, along with improper lane usage. He was released on personal recognizance and is scheduled to be in court on May 11.

Jacob J. Halupka, 27, of 25705 Route 173, was observed traveling 62 mph in a 45 mph-zone, failing to signal his turn as he traveled west on Route 173 from Grimm Road at 6:07 a.m. March 19.

He was charged with driving while license suspended and speeding. He was released on

personal recognizance and is scheduled to be in court on May 11.

John Wolf, 38, of 42116 Lake View Drive, was stopped after he turned southbound on Route 59 from eastbound Route 173 without signaling at 3:36 p.m., March 18. He was stopped and police learned his driver's license was suspended. He was charged with both offenses. He was released on personal recognizance and is scheduled to appear in court on April 27.

DUI ARRESTS

The following people have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

John C. Chappel, 57, of 725 S. Cameron Drive, was charged with DUI after he was stopped at 3:24 a.m. March 20 near Routes 83 and 173. Police had observed him cross the centerline three times. He was charged for that and two counts of improper lane usage and an improper turn. He failed a field sobriety test. He was released on a \$300 cash bond and is scheduled to appear in court on April 19.

Brandon Toney, of 390 Williams Street, was observed weaving and crossing the centerline several times at 2:12 a.m. March 20. He was driving 35 mph in a 20 mph-zone and police stopped him. He failed a field sobriety test and was driving while his license was suspended. He was also charged with operating left of center, speeding and DUI over .08 BAC at .193. He was released on personal recognizance and is scheduled to appear in court on April 19.

Edgars Linkums, 31, of 5219 N. Austin Ave., Chicago, was stopped by police at 11:26 p.m. March 19. While he traveled eastbound on Route 173 at McMillan police observed him cross the double yellow lines. He was charged with improper lane usage, no valid driver's license and DUI. He was released on a cash bond and is scheduled to appear in court on April 27.

Danielle L. Collins, 22, of 40954 N. Ridge Circle, was stopped by police at 2 a.m. March 18. He was traveling southbound on Route 83 and turned left onto Route 173. His tires crossed the centerline and then the fog line and his turn signal was left on. He failed a field sobriety test and his BAC was .201. He was charged with improper lane usage, improper turn signal and DUI with BAC more than .08. He was released on a cash bond and is scheduled to appear in court on March 19.

ASK banquet is all in the family

By John Phelps

Special to Lakeland Newspapers

Discipline, confidence, self-esteem and self respect. All are characteristics one will most likely develop when becoming involved in martial arts.

At Antioch Shotokan Karate, another element is stressed at the school even more so than the aforementioned: family.

Last Sunday at Maravella's restaurant in Fox Lake, the family came together to honor and commemorate yet another outstanding year of accomplishments by students of the school.

"Every year keeps getting better and better," said Sensei Anna Connors, the school's owner and chief instructor. "The students worked and trained really hard and that was evident at the world championships. We had seven world champions."

Those seven world champions included, in the kata discipline, J.R. Nauseda, Michael Terzic, Beth Koch, Ian Calvert and Colin Bennett. In the kumite discipline, Sensei Anna Connors and Andrew Burkhart were crowned world champs.

Calvert was one of many ASK students that had an exceptional year individually. In addition to his world title, Calvert, a freshman at Antioch Community High School, was recognized at the banquet for black belt excellence.

"It was a crazy year but training up to six days a week definitely paid off," said Calvert, who started in martial arts at age 5. "I think one of the reasons why our school is successful is because they really push you. But on the other hand, there's a special family-type atmosphere, a true sense of belonging. That helps motivate you as well."

Other members of the World Team included Jordan Keller, Ian Keller, Steven Dschida, Marc Mrozinski, Cindy Trombino, David Keller and Jon Mrozinski.

Nauseda, Burkhart, Jon Mrozinski and Kelly Emanuelson were also recognized for black belt excellence, which in short means providing good leadership and work ethic at the dojo.

Burkhart and Bennett's hard work also paid off as they were named students of the year.

Beth Koch and Dschida were presented with Most Improved Awards while the Keller's were named family of the year.

Other festivities at the banquet included ASK students putting on demonstrations in kata,



Photo by Candace H. Johnson

Shane Connors and Sam Emanuelson, both of Antioch, give a sparring demonstration during the Antioch Shotokan Karate Annual Awards Banquet at Maravella's in Fox Lake. This is the eleventh year the karate school has provided classes ranging from beginning to advanced.

kumite and kobudo. They also dazzled the crowd with a Matsuri Daiko Drum demonstration.

ASK will compete in Regionals April 16-17, to be held at The College of Lake County. The event will also mark tryouts for the World Team.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Residents of Antioch Township Beware!

I send this warning to all residents of Antioch Township, beware of the brightly colored campaign promises and comments of Judy Martini. They might sound good on this face, but each one comes with a major price tag. Ms. Martini's promises for new programs in the township would cost millions of dollars. That would mean a large tax increase for the residents of Antioch Township.

We really should just start calling Ms. Martini, "Tax and Spend Judy." She must really enjoy raising and spending your hard earned tax dollars. She likes to spend them so much that she wants us to pay her for two governmental positions. She already earns a full time salary for being your elected Lake County Board Member. Now, she wants us to pay her another governmental salary if she is elected Township Supervisor. Do the taxpayers understand that if elected Township Supervisor that Judy would be collecting well over \$100,000 a year in combined salary and benefits? Who pays for this, we do, the taxpayers of Antioch Township.

Now, she wants to be a double-dipper, but it appears by her campaign literature that Judy also wants to double-dip the taxpayers of Antioch by doubling up programs already offered by other governmental agencies. Her list of programs that she wants to offer in Antioch Township, include such programs as Marital Counseling, College Scholarship Programs, Babysitting Training, and Senior Manicures. All of these are great, but they all come with a cost. She wants to develop a youth center. Great, how do we pay for it? She wants to offer student physicals. Great, how do we pay for it? The answer is in increased taxes. She also fails to mention that quite a few of these programs are already offered by Lake County and/or Antioch Township. Judy is deceiving the voters of Antioch Township.

Judy Martini is the queen of the double-talk. She talks in her first mailing about her leaving her career to represent you full time. This is a lie. She would not be representing Antioch Township full time as Township Supervisor. She is not giving up her position as Lake County Board member. So either she will be short changing the residents of one of these two districts. She can not hold both positions and do both with the quality and diligence we require and expect.

Judy talks about protecting out environment and lakes, yet since elected Lake County Board Member, Judy has been on watch as some of the largest residential and commercial developments have been built in

our area. What has she done to stop these developments, nothing.

Lets all send a message to Judy on April 5. Let us reject her Tax and Spend Ideas. Let us squash her double-dip dreams.

Brent C. Bluthardt
Antioch

Vote Yes on April 5th for District 36 Referendum

I am a concerned and proud parent of a Grass Lake student. I urge the voters of District 36 to vote YES for the education referendum on April 5. The last time Grass Lake School received any money from the passing of an education referendum was 1979. In 1989, the referendum passed, but right after it was passed, the State imposed a tax cap. Unfortunately, the school received no money in spite of the YES votes. District 36 has attempted to pass an education referendum five times in the past five years and most of the time it has been defeated by a close margin. In the meantime, programs have been cut, including sports, music, and gifted. Other cuts have included instructional aides and the school librarian, plus social work services have decreased.

In spite of all of this, the educators at Grass Lake School have continued to provide a high quality of education to the students. I am proud that my son attends Grass Lake School and it is evident that the educators there are providing all students with a top notch education. The students are succeeding and going into high school well-prepared. Think of how this will get even better with the passing of the referendum. We must have pride in our community to put the kids first and get the money necessary to provide them with the educational and extra-curricular opportunities they deserve.

Those of you who do not have children attending Grass Lake School may be wondering why you should vote YES for the referendum. It is simply an economic move on your part. Do you realize that if you do not vote to increase your current tax rate for the school, your taxes will ultimately increase even more? Please take a look at the current tax rates Lake Villa, Emmons and Antioch. They are 3.012, 2.875, and 3.126, respectively. Consolidating with a neighboring district would mean adopting their tax rates. Even if the referendum passes on April 5, the tax rate for Grass Lake will only be 2.788. If you think consolidating with Lake Villa, Emmons, or Antioch is a good idea, be prepared to pay their higher tax rates and still not have our own school. Please show your

pride in our community and good tax sense by voting YES on April 5.

Katrina Dahl
Antioch

Backs Antioch now

As a longstanding trustee of the Antioch Village Board, I am asking Antioch voters to come out on Tuesday, April 5 and vote for Mayor Taso Maravelas and the rest of the Antioch Now slate.

I have had the privilege of representing the voters of Antioch under three different mayors and I have been especially impressed by the dedication and commitment this mayor has shown for our village. Mayor Maravelas has proven himself a strong and forward-thinking leader since his election four years ago, and I have learned a lot under his leadership.

He has had a rough road due to the fact the village board has four trustees who have worked against his vision for a modern Antioch and are not concerned with the fiscal reform and modernization efforts he has proposed.

Incumbent Trustee Bob Caulfield and trustee candidates Dennis Crosby and Jim Parks make up the rest of the Antioch Now slate. These men are strong independent thinkers who will help the mayor deliver on his campaign promises. They will not rubberstamp measures they do not agree with and will ask the right questions of all village officials. As a current member of the village board of trustees the Antioch Now slate is whom I want to work with as we go forward.

Antioch needs a village board that supports the fine and qualified employees that work for our village. We have seen openly at village board meetings disrespect shown to some of the village employees by certain trustees and I find it very unprofessional. I can assure you that with an Antioch Now administration, our village employees will be treated with dignity and respect and their ideas and concerns will be listened to. What is important here is not the political agenda of any one trustee or faction, but rather the well being and the future of the village.

This election is not about a Menards being built or other development issues. This election is about the future of Antioch. Will our village infrastructure suffer because development impact fees are insufficient to deal with the growth of the village? Will our residents be able to depend on our public safety departments if they are not properly funded? I can go on and on about the future of our village. One thing I know is that we need Taso Maravelas to stay on as

our mayor and we need to provide him with trustees that will work with him, not against him.

Larry Hanson
Antioch Village Trustee

Not alone in concerns

My husband and I attended an Antioch Village Board meeting. After reading Taso Maravelas's mailer outlining his many reasons for his veto action concerning the board's vote on Menards, we wanted to be at the meeting to ask Trustees Larson, Porch, Pierce and Turner, why they were in such a hurry to give, what we felt was pre-mature approval for a Menards near our new Walmart location. As the meeting progressed, we soon realized we were not alone in our concerns.

One Antioch resident brought a friend from Mount Prospect to give verbal and written testimony of "ALL" the difficulties he and his neighbors experienced when Menards put up a store in their vicinity. Another gentleman did extensive research of possible better ways to safeguard the environment of the lands surrounding the Menards location. I had no technical information to offer. I was just asking why the rush?

I learned something at this meeting. I learned that the four trustees who voted yes for Menards made it obvious that the concerns and suggestions of several citizens fell on deaf ears. After the visitors were given a chance to talk, a motion was made to reconsider the Menards decision. This then gave way to Trustee Mary Turner's many challenges of Taso's veto reasons. She eloquently called him just about a liar in many creative ways. One of the ways was she claimed he "tortured the truth".

Of course no visitors were allowed to respond to Trustee Turner. A second motion was then put on the table to pass the ordinance allowing Menards to build. Trustee Turner basically promised everyone that "NO" construction will begin at the Menard's site until all the ducks are in a row with the numerous items still pending at the Walmart location. I must admit this confused me even more. If no construction is to begin at Menards, then why was it necessary to cast this vote at the present time? In my opinion it definitely seems more logical to vote for Menards "AFTER" the Walmart location is brought up to par. I hope the board isn't putting the cart before the horse.

I also hope we do not end up with "TWO" incomplete construction sites on our hands. Of course only time will tell and good luck to us all. I hope this decision doesn't prove the old adage correct of "Haste Makes Waste".

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MARAVELAS

Police Chief Chuck Fagan and Probst were also present. The mayor told him that the granddaughter of a senior center member accused me of suggesting the 89-year-old resident take down the mayor's political sign in her yard and put up one of his opponents. He accused Trustee Scott Pierce of the doing the same, Howard said.

The mayor told the Chief Fagan to investigate these allegations with the senior and Pierce, and told him to take me along.

"My response was, 'Great Chief, please do make sure you interview the senior citizen and Trustee Pierce,'" Howard said in his memo.

The chief and Howard went to the senior's house. "She told Chief Fagan these allegations were totally false. Chief Fagan noted that this is a very intelligent and strong-willed woman who speaks her mind and holds her own strong opinions," Howard stated.

"The bullying that the mayor is doing and the use of village officials to waste my time and theirs investigating these concocted stories is, at the very least, a poor use of employee time. At worst it is harassment of an employee by a mayor who sees his political career slipping away," Howard concluded in the memo.

Vince Tomasella, owner of the Double Eagle Sports Club on Route 59, had a similar experience with the mayor.

Maravela has since admitted to calling in a false emergency to the police department in 2001 while he was at the Double Eagle.

Maravelas, who had used his Nextel phone for the called just to see how fast police would arrive, according to the report. This occurred while former Chief Charles Watkins was the head of the police department. Before the police report was missing from the police computer system, a paper copy had been printed.

A couple of years after the fact, Tomasella said he received an early morning call at home from Chief Chuck Fagan asking him to come to the police station because the mayor wanted to talk to him.

"I went to the police department to see the mayor and Chief Fagan took me to his office where the mayor and Sgt. J. Ruth were waiting. Taso said he was the mayor and had heard I was telling people he had called in a false emergency," Tomasella said.

Tomasella replied he had because it had happened. Maravelas asked Fagan if there was any

record and he said 'no' as did the other officer. The chief said they had searched for a record but there wasn't one he said.

The allegedly missing record is about an unfounded fight in progress at the restaurant on Dec. 4, 2001 at 12:54 a.m.

"I told the mayor 'I guess it never happened,'" Tomasella said. "I know what happened. I didn't imagine it. He was controlling me."

"I think Chief Fagan has done a good job," Tomasella said. "I talk to a lot of people and the police speak very highly of him."

"I've known the man (Maravelas) for 20 years, and he says he doesn't know me," Tomasella said. We both belong to the Lion's Club. The man actually called to say he was running for mayor and wanted my support. He's a bald-faced liar."

"The thought of that man being in office another four years scares me. He tried to intimidate me and held my liquor license over my head. He's told village employees who were customers to stay out."

"It was time to say something," Tomasella said in regard to speaking out about the mayor's intimidation tactics.

Tomasella and Howard are not the only ones summoned to the Antioch Police Department on allegations made by Maravelas.

Trustee Barbara Porch has been in the same position.

"I had missed a redevelopment committee meeting and asked Larry Hanson if I could listen to the tape, and he said sure. Then Taso got involved," Porch said.

"Chief Watkins called me and asked me to come to the station because the mayor wanted me arrested," she said.

She was told the mayor and Hanson had said she had taken the tapes without permission, and the chief wanted to know why.

"I was very intimidated and called my lawyer. He laughed because it was a public meeting and I did nothing wrong," Porch said. "The chief thanked me for coming."

"If he (Maravelas) did that to me, what was he doing to other people who actually crossed him."

When The Antioch News reached him by telephone Wednesday morning, Maravelas said he had an appointment and couldn't take the time to respond to the allegations.

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Mayor
Taso Maravelas

Mayor Taso Maravelas came to Antioch in the early 1970's to open a downtown restaurant. He and his wife Olga raised their son and daughter in Antioch, both graduating from ACHS. His entire family works in the family business, Maravela's Banquets in Fox Lake. Taso's interest in public service to the Village of Antioch began in the early 1990's. Elected trustee in 1995, he served as license committee chair and was active on the finance committee. Fueled by these challenges, and wanting to apply his business acumen, he ran successfully for mayor in 2001.

"The village was being run very casually, with few procedures and poor accountability, it needed to be run more like a business," says Maravelas. He has focused on village finances, "It's the people's money, and they want absolute accountability."

Taso speaks often of Antioch's future. "We can improve downtown. We need more recreational opportunities. We can keep taxes low and provide excellent city services." He is a tireless promoter of Antioch, talking of the town's beautiful geography and friendly people to all who will listen.

Taso looks forward to Antioch's challenges and opportunities.

Trustee Bob Caulfield lives in Antioch with his wife Janet and their four children. Bob is a professional photographer, and owns a successful portrait business in Antioch.

Trustee Caulfield is chairman of the finance committee. "We've done so much in four years, but there's so much more to do," says Caulfield. "We inherited a disorganized village budget deep in the red, and now we are operating in the black with auditable books. It's the people's money, there is no room for error."

Bob is gratified by how many residents say they notice a remarkable improvement. He believes village employees should have the best equipment for the job. "I am proud of this transformation," says Caulfield.

For the next term, Bob places downtown redevelopment and financial accountability a high priority. He plans to use his business and financial expertise to reach that goal. "We've made good progress; we need to finish the job."

Bob runs on his record and vision. "If you love Antioch now, you'll love it even more in the future!"



Trustee
Bob Caulfield



Dennis Crosby
For Trustee

Dennis Crosby and his family could have lived anywhere in America, and they chose Antioch. Dennis worked his way up from airline ticket agent to vice president of American Airlines. He has 36 years of business experience and is currently running a profitable business providing freight services to over 2,000 US and international customers.

Dennis is eager to apply his background to serve the citizens of Antioch as trustee. "Our Village is at a crossroads with challenges requiring business competence at the board level. Village trustees should be independent, but able to work as a team. We must correct past inadequacies that led to inconsistent planning, organizing, and spending." He sees Antioch as increasingly attractive for residential and commercial growth. "Working together, residents and the Board can and must make Antioch 'business friendly' while not compromising Antioch's charm and heritage."

Dennis, his wife Patti and 11 year-old daughter enjoy their new home town. "We spent a lot of years moving around, but now we have a home town with parades, civic events, and friendly faces."

Dennis is excited about working with the Mayor, Bob Caulfield, and Jim Parks. "This is a great team for the future."

Jim Parks and his family moved to Antioch in 1995. He has over 30 years experience in sales, management, and operations. He has extensive experience directing the growth of small and large business units with American Hospital Supply / Baxter Healthcare / Allegiance Healthcare as well as start-up businesses.

Jim made a big investment in Antioch when he bought the remaining lots in the Mystic Cove subdivision. He intends to build the remaining lots in the distinct style of Mystic Cove where he lives. "We live on Lake Antioch and see downtown Antioch in the distance, it's the view of a lifetime," he smiles.

Jim will apply his business skills to being village trustee. "You're called a 'trustee' for a reason - people should trust you to do what's right". Being in a position of trust is not new to him, he is on the Mystic Cove homeowner's board and the 'Friends of Lake Antioch' board.

Jim and his wife Marita have three married children and three grandchildren. His daughter was married in Mystic Cove. "We love it, its home," beams Jim.



Jim Parks
For Trustee

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Off on the right foot

Adult indoor soccer gaining foothold in Lake County

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

It's a typical Sunday in March. The temperature is a balmy 39 degrees, with a wind blowing from the north. In other words — perfect football weather.

And football is the name of the game at the Lake County Sports Center in Waukegan, although not the type you would think. There's no helmets or pads, or even an oblong pigskin. Instead, it's the other kind of football, also called fútbol, but likely known to most as soccer.

Luckily, weather is not a factor on this day as the games are taking place indoors on one of the center's two indoor soccer fields.

More than 1,000 people will pass through the doors at the Sports Center this day, eschewing March Madness or Spring Training baseball, for a chance to take in the world's most popular sport.

One of those people is Bernie Bustos, president and founder of the Northern Lake County Soccer Association (NLCSA), one of the largest indoor soccer leagues in the area. And not only is he the president, he's also a player on one of the league's second-division teams.

"I love it, every minute of it," said Bustos, who founded the league four years ago.

It would appear that many people in the area share Bustos' sentiments. In the first year of the league, Bustos said it fielded around 20 teams. This season the NLCSA has 40 teams in its first and second divisions, representing more than 600 players, meaning the league has doubled in size in just four years. The league has also added a women's division this season.

"Every year it's getting bigger and bigger," Bustos said of the league.

And Bustos is predicting that participation will continue to skyrocket in the coming years, especially among women.

"We're really going in a good direction," Bustos said. "And it's a trend in the U.S. It's just growing so fast, and in five

years I think America will be a top soccer country. I also think female participation will be huge."

The NLCSA is just one of four indoor leagues operating out of the Lake County Sports Center, so there are easily more than 1,000 people playing soccer in that facility alone.



Soccer team, CD Tepeyac, cheers on their team mate while he fights to keep the ball, during adult indoor soccer at the Lake County Sports Center.

That in itself presents a problem, though, according to Bustos.

"The problem we have right now is getting good times for the fields," Bustos said. "Most of the good times go to youth programs."

Still, it's a much better situation than it was four years ago, when players had to travel to Highland Park or Lake

Gerardo Gulebyo, on team CD Tepeyac, takes the ball down field, while the team plays adult indoor soccer at the Lake County Sports

Photos by John Dickson

Zurich to get an indoor game. That's the reason Bustos formed the league.

"A lot of people in Waukegan didn't have any place to play," Bustos said. "Now that we have a league, everyone wants to participate."

Also helping the situation is the Libertyville Sports Complex (LSC), which opened almost three years ago. Now the LSC has four adult leagues, 54 teams and more than 500 players, according to Randy Splitt, who helps coordinate the LSC's indoor soccer programs.

"We've seen a nice increase this winter," Splitt said. "But indoor soccer is still new to the area. The nice thing about indoor soccer is that it gives us a chance to keep an outdoor sport going in the winter months."

In fact, the LSC offers indoor soccer yearround, taking advantage of its air conditioned fields during the summer.

One of the reasons for increased participation, according to Splitt, is that it gives parents and children a common interest.

"Soccer is the number one sport for youths in America," Splitt said. "These people play as kids and then they keep climbing the ladder and playing as they get older. A lot of our players have kids in our youth leagues, or they're coaches in our youth leagues."

"And soccer is such a good workout. Plus it's not a big time commitment. Our halves are only 15 minutes long and we never have to worry about weather."

For more information on adult indoor soccer, contact the Lake County Sports Center at 847-336-7444 or the Libertyville Sports Complex at 847-367-1506. You can also visit them on the Web at www.lakecountysportscenter.com and www.libertyvillesportscomplex.com, respectively.

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Vet ophthalmologists have an eye for your pet

Although you've probably never seen a horse or dog wearing glasses, animals do have their own ophthalmologists. Not to be confused with optometrists, who test and fit people for glasses and contacts, ophthalmologists are doctors with medical or veterinary degrees who specialize in diseases and disorders of the eyes.

Keeping eyes healthy is important for all species, since untreated eye problems can lead to vision loss and health problems that affect the rest of the body. Dr. Ralph Hamor, veterinary ophthalmologist at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana, explains that eye problems can also indicate systemic diseases such as diabetes.

Basic ophthalmology is taught in veterinary school, so most general practitioners treat minor eye problems such as conjunctivitis, or pink eye, and perform surgeries to treat superficial conditions such as rolled-in eyelids. However, for problems that are serious or require special diagnostics, treatments or surgeries, veterinarians typically refer patients to ophthalmic specialists, who have three additional years of residency training on the eye.

According to Hamor, veterinary ophthalmologists frequently see some conditions that are similar to those seen in human patients, such as cataracts, glaucoma and ingrown eyelashes. Unlike humans, who only have two eyelids, many species have a third eyelid, and this eyelid can turn inside out, resulting in a condition called cherry eye. Veterinary ophthalmologists can correct this problem with surgery.

Common problems in horses include corneal disease and chronic inflammation, which are sometimes caused by bacterial or fungal infections. These conditions may require aggres-

sive medical and surgical therapy.

Veterinary ophthalmologists work with a wide range of species, from companion animals and horses to wildlife species. Ophthalmologists must be well versed in superficial and intraocular surgery to treat glaucoma, cataracts, corneal ulcers, and eyelid diseases.

Ophthalmologists don't work solely with the eyes. Eye health is connected to other disease, and the eyes give clues as to what is happening in rest of the body. Ophthalmologists work with internists, cardiologists, neurologists, and oncologists. For example, an ophthalmologist may work closely with a cardiologist on cases involving hypertension, which can predispose dogs and cats to retinal hemorrhage and detachment.

Like most veterinary specialties, veterinary ophthalmology is a growing field. Although many general practitioners have experience with the eyes and keep themselves educated on advances in ophthalmology, they may still refer serious cases to specialists who have specialized training, experience, materials, and equipment.

Currently, there are over 250 veterinary ophthalmologists board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology, and about 35 veterinary ophthalmology residency programs in the world. The University of Illinois veterinary ophthalmology program has trained 13 board-certified specialists.

For more information on the veterinary ophthalmology specialty, or to locate an ophthalmologist in your area, visit the Web site of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology at www.acvo.org.



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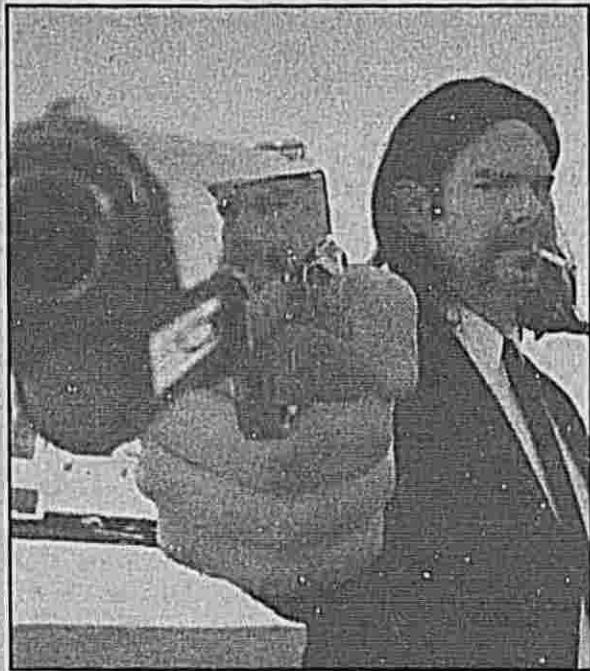
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Director calls 'action' for county film festival

By Kyle Schmitt
Staff Reporter

A former Olympian who became the first athlete based east of the Rocky Mountains to play for the American team, Wolf Wigo has been called the "Michael Jordan of water polo." But when Dawn Young began shooting a documentary on the superstar, she was just trying to root her son on at competitions while he chased a an unlikely dream.

Her eventual work, "Water Polo: Beneath the Surface," provides viewers with an inspiring glimpse into the struggles and triumphs of a world-class athlete. Documenting Wigo's severe health struggles, the film follows him from attending a high school with no pool to competing in multiple Olympic games.



My Big Fat Independent movie takes aim at Lake Film Festival audiences April 2.

Young admits she first started filming her son's competitions to "keep herself from screaming during nervous moments," but the footage turned out to be more than home movies.

"A while later, I told people about him try-

ing to make the (1996 Olympic) team, and they said, 'That sounds like a good idea.' And I said, 'Wow, you're right.'"

Traveling from New York City, she and several other directors will present their works at the 2nd Annual Lake County Film Festival. The event features 13 short and feature-length films, and opens in Libertyville April 1.

All films were selected by festival director Nat Dykeman, who chose "my favorite stuff" from the dozens of submissions he received for the event.

"I like the fact that we're ahead of the curve on the stuff I've hunted down," Dykeman said. "There nothing we show that has been shown to the public more than a dozen times."

Most short films will never play in theaters or be seen on DVD, and Dykeman said he most enjoys giving other film buffs the opportunity to see films he feels strongly about.

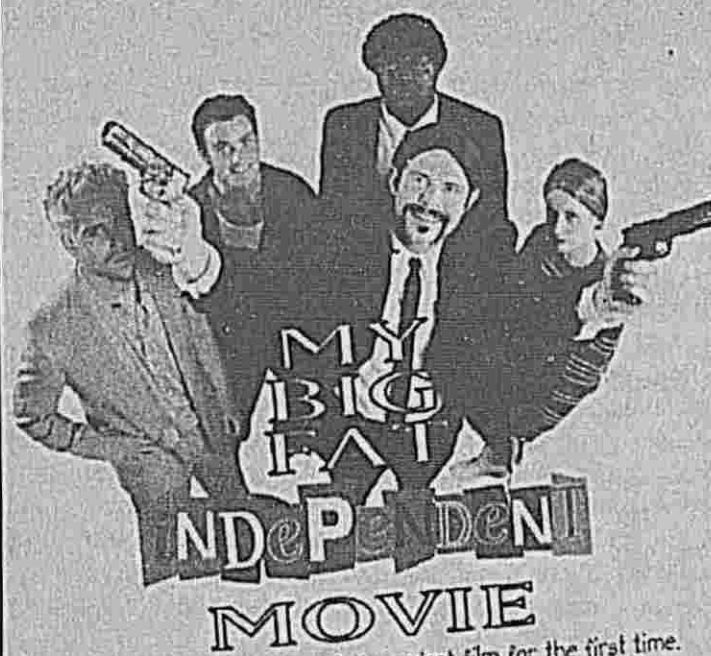
His first festival's success motivates his efforts, as "even now, people say, 'It was so great when we saw that in theaters,'" he said.

Praising the creativity of films such as "Antebody" and "Standalone," Dykeman said he is particularly excited to screen "My Big Fat Independent Movie," produced by Chris Gore of the game show Ultimate Film Fanatic. Dykeman made a victorious appearance on the program several years ago, and his respect for the host later led him to showcase Gore's parody of independent film's crown jewels.

"I hunted him down and said, 'Please let me show your movie,'" Dykeman said, and the film will indeed be screened at the Libertyville Civic Center April 2.

An "amazing" movie about other people viewing movies may prove the highlight of this year's film festival. Directed by Steve James, who was nominated for an Oscar for his work on "Hoop Dreams," the documentary "Reel Paradise" follows a family that travels to Fiji in

The lowbrow comedy for the highbrow crowd.



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search of "the world's most remote movie theater."

An independent film guru, John Pierson, moved his family to a remote island and showed free movies to the locals for one year. He attempted to discover what films meant to people on the other side of the world; local audiences can decide their feelings about his work at 7:30 p.m. April 3.

This year's festival kicks off with an April 1 showing of "See This Movie," starring John Cho and Saturday Night Live's Seth Meyers. The film will be screened at the Liberty Theatre, while the next day's movies will be shown at Libertyville Civic Center.

Admission is \$6 for all Saturday shows from 2 to 7 p.m., and \$8 for other screenings. An all-festival pass is available for \$45, and tickets may be purchased exclusively at Dog Ear Music and Movies, located at 117 W. Rockland Road in Libertyville.

Mom's Weak Constitution

A document like the constitution should never be taken lightly. That's why Iraq is intent on drafting its permanent constitution within the year, despite turmoil that makes our country's first constitutional convention look like a cakewalk.

So too, our nation should seriously consider the far-reaching, and often unforeseen, consequences of amending the U.S. Constitution, whether it be outlawing liquor—thus paving the way for the lawless decade of Prohibition—or forbidding same sex marriage.

And as for me, I can assure you I'm taking this document very seriously—not out of civic pride, but because my son needs to pass the required U.S. and Illinois Constitution test if he's ever going to see the other side of eighth grade.



Leslie Glazier-Werner

LES ON LIFE

In the process my son is gaining an understanding of his constitutional rights, while latching onto the Bill of Rights as his personal Emancipation Proclamation. I'm sure Thomas Jefferson never envisioned that his words, "A bill of rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth," could justify adolescent anarchy. You see, the particular government my son has in mind sits in pink, chenille judicial robes at her end of the kitchen table, and hands down ridiculous rulings like, "mimicking rude body noises is constitutionally forbidden at mealtimes."

Anyway, based on the backroom meetings my son is having with his older brother, any day I expect the two of them to produce a set of demands entitled.

A Teenager's Bill Of Rights

WE, the independent states of "You can't make me" and "HE did it first," considering ourselves of far superior mind, and in order to prevent domestic hostility, do proclaim the following rights inviolable:

The right to protest against unreasonable force if dinner looks like the menu offered up on "Fear Factor."

The right to import pizza crusts, pop cans, and sister's "Teen Vamp" magazine under our beds, with full protection from unjust search and seizure.

The right to free expression by ramping up music loud enough to puncture eardrums and block out nagging parents.

The right to conscientiously object to bathing or changing clothes until absolutely necessary for the welfare of the Union.

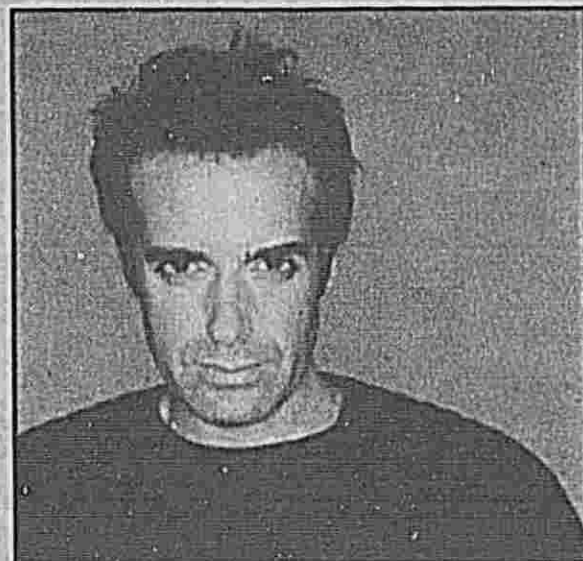
Next, will my admittedly weak constitution hold up under these demands? Perhaps I could feint like the U.S. Senate in 1975 by tabling "a motion to reconsider a vote to table an appeal of a ruling that a point of order was not in order..." No, maybe I'll just wait 'til their Founding Father gets home.

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David Copperfield is coming to the Genesee Theater

"David Copperfield: An Intimate Evening of Grand Illusion" is true to its title. Grand Illusion is the logical and incredible evolution of this conjurer's art. Copperfield's goal in "Grand Illusion" is to take your dreams (and maybe a few nightmares) and make them come true using his state of the art wizardry. Don't miss your chance to witness the master magician in action for four performances on Tuesday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 11. Showtimes are at 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on both days. Tickets for the performances, which range in price from \$29 - \$57 go on sale Friday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. and can be purchased at the Genesee Theatre Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone at 312.559.1212 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

"For magic to be relevant," explains Copperfield, "it has to evolve so it keeps up with, or even surpasses, the best film and theater. I want to base my work on what people



really dream about. Most of us don't dream of pulling a rabbit out of a hat. But what affects people is realizing personal dreams - dreams almost everyone shares - that they thought were impossible. In the cinema, the audience

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"Grand Illusion" was partly inspired by an unfulfilled wish of my grandfather's that a lot of people share - winning the lottery, and finally owning that one special thing you always dreamed of. We call it "An Intimate Evening of Grand Illusion" partly because it's interactive. In one of the pieces, for example, the audience discovers how to predict lottery numbers that will come up that night. They get to participate in illusions that blur the line between magic and reality."

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COOKING BY THE BOOK

"Four Seasons Pasta" (Chronicle Books) by food writer Janet Fletcher offers a year's worth of inspired cooking ideas.

Among her spring selections, Fletcher includes a tasty, easy-to-follow recipe — one of more than 50 in her book — for butterfly pasta with peas, tomatoes, sausage and cream.

Others you'll want to consider include fresh pasta with braised artichokes, fava beans and peas and spaghetti with asparagus, fried eggs, black pepper and Pecorino. Some day we plan to try pumpkin ravioli with fried sage, one of her autumn specialties. And by using canned pumpkin we won't have to wait until fall.

Butterfly Pasta with Peas, Tomatoes, Sausage and Cream

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 yellow onion, minced
4 to 6 oz. hot Italian sausage, preferably with fennel seed
1 lb. ripe plum tomatoes, grated

Bring a large pot of salted water to boil over high heat.

Heat the olive oil in a skillet over moderately low heat. Add the onion and cook until soft, about 10 minutes. Remove the sausage from its casing if necessary and add it to the skillet, breaking it up with a fork. Cook just until it loses most of its pinkness, then add the tomatoes and simmer gently until the tomatoes are softened and no longer raw-tasting, about 5 minutes. Stir in the cream and remove from the heat. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Put the peas in a sieve that fits inside the pot of water, resting on the edges of the pot, and cook

1/4 cup heavy cream
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 lbs. English peas, shelled (about 2 cups)
1 lb. farfalle, gemelli or fusilli
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

them in the boiling water until tender, about 5 minutes. Lift them out and add them to the skillet. Keep the cooking water at a boil.

Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook until 1 minute shy of al dente.

Set aside 1 cup of the pasta water, then drain the pasta and return it to the warm pot over moderately low heat. Add the sauce and cook for about 1 minute to allow the pasta to absorb some of the flavor of the sauce. Moisten with some of the reserved pasta water as needed. Stir in the cheese, then divide among warm bowls and serve immediately. (Serves 4 to 6)

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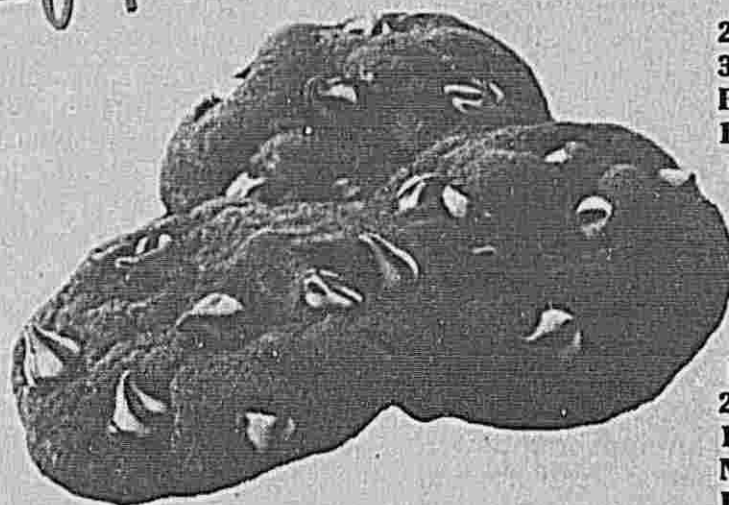
1/4 cup soy sauce
3 teaspoons wasabi paste (see Note)
1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper
2 Ah! tuna steaks, 3/4 inch thick (about 6 ounces each)
1/4 cup sesame seeds

1. In a shallow dish, combine the soy sauce, wasabi paste, and cracked black pepper; mix well. Add the tuna and turn until thoroughly coated on both sides; let sit for 10 minutes.
2. Coat a grill pan with nonstick cooking spray and preheat over high heat.
3. Place the sesame seeds in another shallow dish, add the tuna and turn to coat completely.
4. Grill the tuna for 1 to 2 minutes per side, or until browned or cooked to desired doneness. Slice thinly and serve.

NOTE: Wasabi is Japanese horseradish, usually grated and served in paste form as a condiment for sashimi (raw seafood) and sushi. Since Japanese food, particularly sushi, has become popular all across the U.S., we can now find wasabi paste in most supermarkets.

(2 servings)

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1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
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2/3 cup granulated sugar
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 large eggs
1 2/3 cups (10-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Swirled Morsels, divid-

ed

Preheat oven to 325 F. Combine flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla extract in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in 1 cup morsels. Drop by well-rounded teaspoon onto ungreased baking sheets. Top with remaining morsels.

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Week of the Young Child



Week of the young child reminds us of importance of 'caring for our children'

By Debra Trude-Suter

Director of programs, YWCA of Lake County

No one is born knowing how to be a good parent. It takes time and patience, and as my pediatrician told me when my son was born, "If only parents could have their third child first, parenting would be so much easier!" Unfortunately, we can't help you change birth order, but we can access information and gain skills we need so that our children can grow up to be healthy, productive adults. During this year's Week of the Young Child celebration, we are reminded what caring for our children truly means.

Quality child care has been a priority of YWCAs across the United States for over a hundred years. In recent years, YWCA Lake County Child Care Resource & Referral has worked diligently to bring training and education to parents and child care providers in an effort to provide the absolute best child care for the families who live and work in Lake County.

In an effort to assist you in making the best child care choices for your family, the YWCA is a source for trainings and referral services for both parents and child care providers. This knowledge and information helps to make your time away from your child much less stressful and helps to ensure that those caring for your child are qualified to

do so. Just a few of the topics covered include: 10 Things Every Child Needs, Ages and Stages, CPR & First Aid, Working With Children with Behavior Disorders, Injury Prevention for Children and Financial Literacy for The Whole Family.

The YWCA has developed the "10 Things Every Child Needs" to help educate parents and child care providers about the basic points when caring for children, who need:

- Interaction – develop a pattern of interaction with your baby that will be your very own, like finding a specific time to play with baby, or kissing her feet after a diaper change.
- A loving touch – for improved brain development, hug, kiss, and hold baby every day. Babies who are held, hugged and touched develop faster.
- Stable relationships – a consistent, loving adult in baby's environment builds trust and confidence.
- A safe, healthy environment – at home, in the car, wherever your baby is, make sure he is safe and free from choking hazards, electrical shocks, and other dangers.
- Self-esteem – a baby develops a sense of who he is through the reactions of others, and will feel responsible for all your moods. Kind, gentle interactions will have a big impact on the messages he carries through his entire life.
- Quality child care – know that your

child is safe and cared for by people who are qualified and genuinely interested in children and their development.

• Communication – daily "chatter" helps build a child's vocabulary, a great predictor of how successful she will do in school.

• Play – while it is entertaining, play is how baby learns about the world around him.

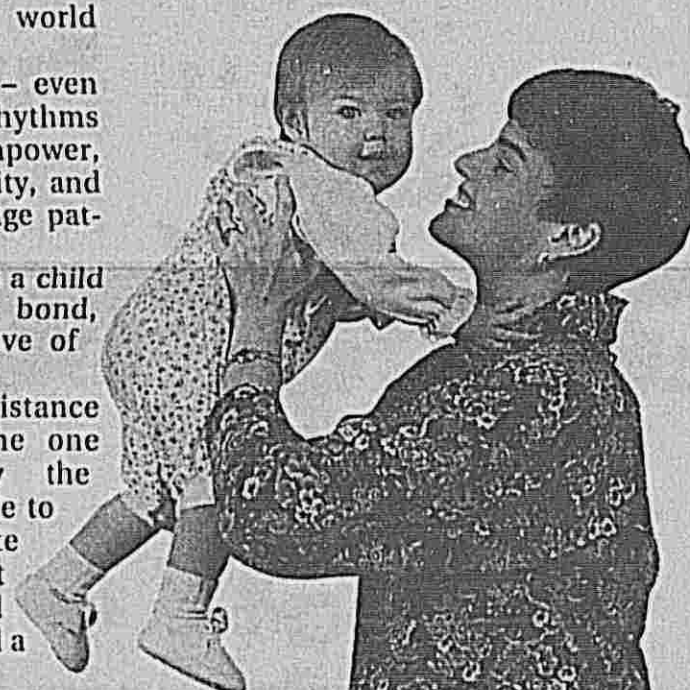
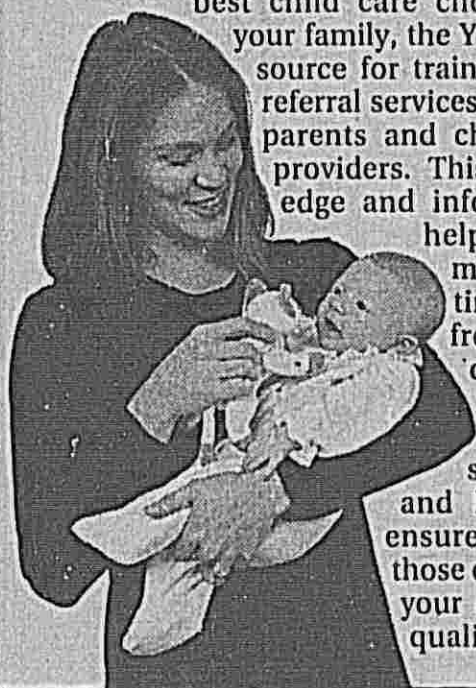
• Music – even simple rhythms develop brainpower, enhance creativity, and help form language patterns.

• Reading – helps a child learn and listen, bond, and develop a love of reading.

Child Care Assistance Programs, like the one administered by the YWCA, may be able to

help you pay for child care. The State of Illinois will pay a set amount based on your annual income and family size, and you will be assigned a

co-payment amount to pay your child care provider. If your provider charges more than this amount, you will be responsible for the difference in addition to your co-pay. If you are interested in seeing if you qualify for child care assistance, call 847-662-4247 and ask to speak with a Child Care Assistance Specialist.



What parents can expect when working with a Child Care Resource and Referral:

- Trainings on parenting and child care topics
- Help in determining if you are eligible for assistance in paying for child care
- Help in finding a licensed-exempt and licensed child care by providing you with a computerized list of providers
- An age-appropriate checklist so that you know the right questions to ask your child care provider
- Counseling for your child care needs
- Answers to questions such as:
 - How do I locate quality child care in my area?
 - How do I know if the child care provider I am using is qualified to care for my child?
 - What are state licensing regulations and how do they pertain to my family?
 - What are best practices in child care?

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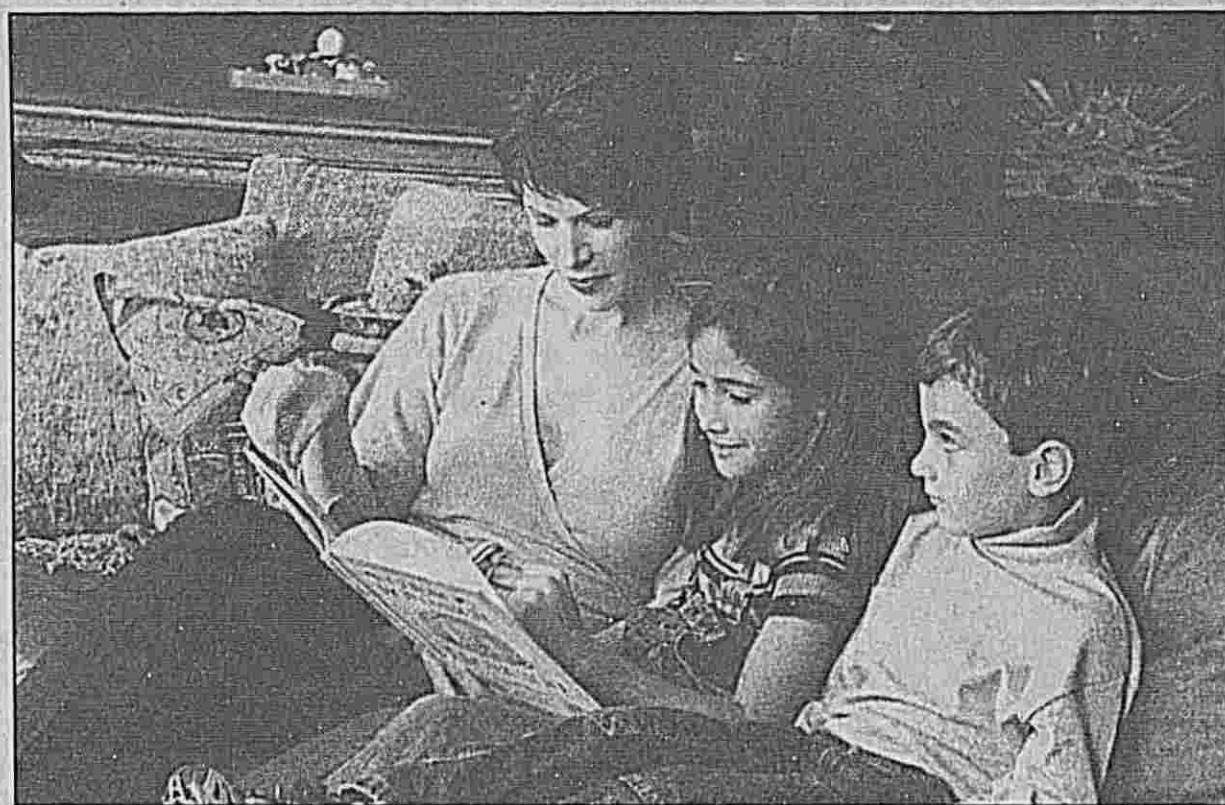
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Stories Day 2005 celebrates children and family story sharing



By Pat O'Keefe

Child Care Coalition

Stories Day 2005, April 6, offers a chance for families to celebrate the sharing of stories with young children – and to promote the enjoyment of stories for children who may not be hearing stories as often. The Child Care Coalition of Lake County initiates Stories Day each year, but events may be held by families, child care centers, and libraries. It is a do-it-yourself special day, and here are a few ways people celebrate:

- A parent or grandparent can take a child who hasn't been to a library for a while to the library and then share a story or stories at an appropriate time such as bedtime.

- An aunt, uncle, or other caring adult might give a good, age-appropriate children's book to a child, with parental permission.

- A children's health professional can help young parents understand the health

benefits of sharing stories and conversations with children from infancy onward, using Stories Day (endorsed by the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics) as the occasion for positive, encouraging advice.

- Any thoughtful citizen can donate good children's books (one would be fine) to a homeless shelter, nonprofit child care center, place of worship, or hospital that can use books for kids.

- You, dear reader, might think of other creative ways to share stories with cherished children or inspire someone to enjoy stories with a child for that child's benefit. For instance, make and send a Stories Day card to a family with children, if you wish. Color it with crayons if the spirit moves you. Have a Happy Stories Day 2005, April 6, yourself!

For more information about Stories Day, contact Pat O'Keefe at the Child Care Coalition of Lake County, 655 Rockland Road, Suite No. 4, Lake Bluff, IL 60044 or Email: info@childcarecoalition.org

Ten things to do when you read with your children

It's never too early to start reading to your children – to turn the first page on a lifetime of literacy. Even 6-week-old babies like the feeling of closeness when a parent, grandparent or other caretaker reads to them.

Here are 10 tips on reading with children from the Partnership for Reading (www.nifl.gov/partnershipforreading/index.html) – a collaboration between the National Institute for Literacy, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the U.S. Department of Education:

1. Make reading a pleasure. Read to children in a comfortable place and show them that reading is fun and rewarding.

2. Show enthusiasm as you read. Read the story with expression and talk as the characters would, making sound effects. When children enjoy being read to, they will grow to love books and be eager to learn to read them.

3. Read to your children often. Set aside special times for reading each day. Reading times can be brief-five to 10 minutes.

4. Read a lot of different kinds of books. Read poetry and other rhyming books to your children. Read magazines and newspapers together.

5. Talk with your children as you read together. Comment about what's happening in the story. Help your children make connections between print and pictures. Ask what will happen next in a story. Ask about favorite parts. Help your children relate the story to their own lives. Explain new ideas and words.

6. Encourage children to explore books. Provide sturdy books to look at, touch and hold. As your children grow older, keep books where they can get them.

7. Read favorite books again and again. Hearing the same stories

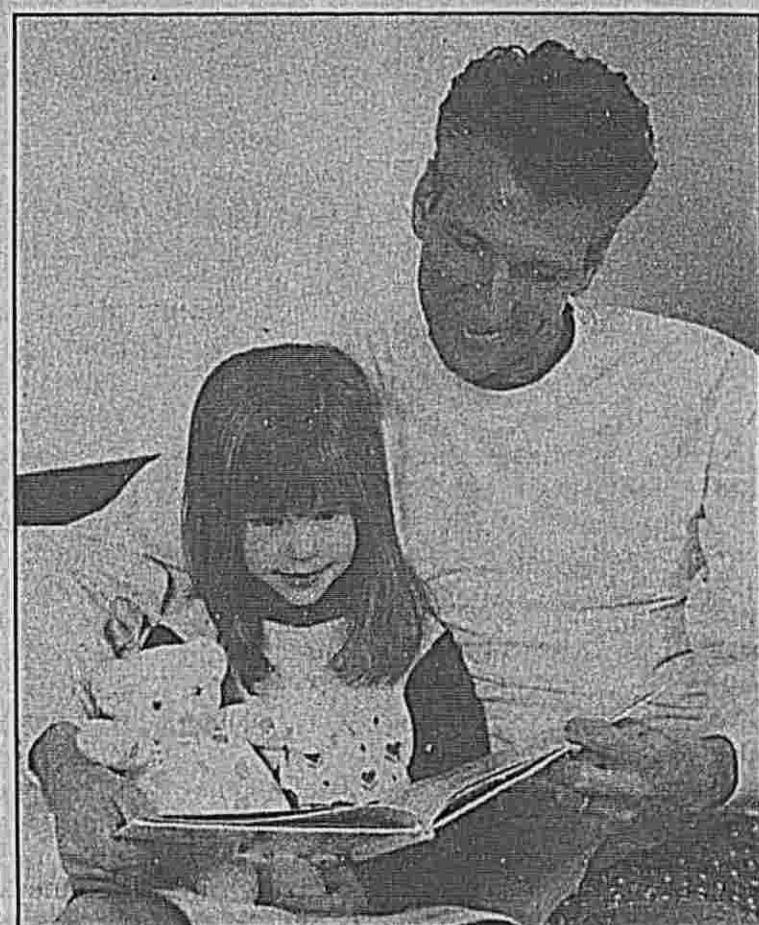
again helps children learn to read by hearing familiar words and seeing what they look like in print.

8. Build a book collection for your children. Look for books at bookstores, garage sales, used bookstores and library sales. Suggest books as gifts.

9. As you're reading, point out letters and have your children name them. Ask your children to listen for words that begin with the same sound and say them aloud. Point out words that have similar spellings.

10. Listen to your children read words and books from school. Let them know you are proud of what they are learning. Reading is more than a skill. It helps children explore the world and learn how to make the most of their surroundings.

When a caring adult reads to children, it can help build a lifelong love of reading.



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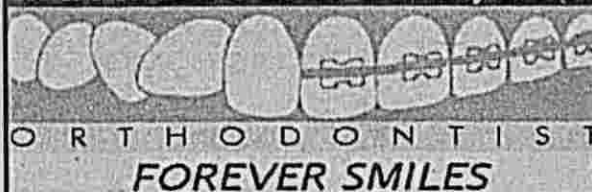
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Five ways to help your child with homework

Kids often moan and groan about it. The fact is, homework is an integral part of their education. So, how can a parent get his or her kids excited about homework?

One solution is The Dunkin' Donuts Grade A Homework Achievement program. It has helped thousands of teachers, parents and kids bridge the gap between home and school with its fun and motivating tools, such as homework tips, a printable homework planner and a homework certificate. Now teachers and parents can access the seven-year-old program free online at www.dunkindonutsgradea.com.

Studies show that children of parents who are involved in their academic career perform better than those whose parents aren't. That's why it's important for parents to help children maintain good homework habits. Here are some ideas on how you can help your children with their homework and bring them to the head of the class.



It's important for parents to get involved in their children's homework process.

1. Set up a quiet space just for homework, such as the dining-room table. Stock the area with all the supplies kids need to stay on-task, such as pencils, calculators and paper. Allow them to take short breaks when you feel they are needed.
2. Contact with peers is crucial. Have one parent, such as the room mother, compile and distribute a class phone list. Kids can discuss assignments after school or learn what they missed from their classmates should they miss school one day. And parents can have a way to discuss homework with fellow parents as well.
3. Buy your students a homework planner to record each day's assignments. It's a good way to keep kids organized and on top of their homework. Plus it alerts you as a parent to

what's going on in your children's academic life.

4. Homework isn't beneficial if your children don't understand it. Have them write down important points in reading assignments and look up unfamiliar words in the dictionary. These study skills will strengthen your kids' learning curve.

5. Get involved in your children's homework. At the end of a reading assignment, have them summarize to you what was just read. That way you can see if it was comprehended. For a writing assignment, read over their work and correct mistakes. That way, you can help teach and explain to your kids what they did wrong.

Do early childhood experiences really count?

Why question values of early childhood experiences?

A new book, *The Myth of the Early Years* by Dr. John T. Bruer has raised questions about the importance of providing children with high-quality early childhood programs. From the author's perspective, recent publicity about early brain development research has led parents, educators, and policy makers to place too much emphasis on children's early learning experiences. He argues that neuroscience research actually provides evidence that learning and cognitive development occurs throughout life.

Dr. Bruer states that providing enriching environments to stimulate early brain development may be less important than identifying and treating children's vision problems, ear infections, or developmental delays.

What do high-quality programs do to support children's healthy development and learning?

Early childhood professionals with training in child development are aware of the need to attend to all aspects of children's development. Good programs offer activities and services to promote each child's physical, social, and emotional development, as well as children's cognitive development. They also provide the support that families need to ensure the well-being of their children.

What does research tell us?

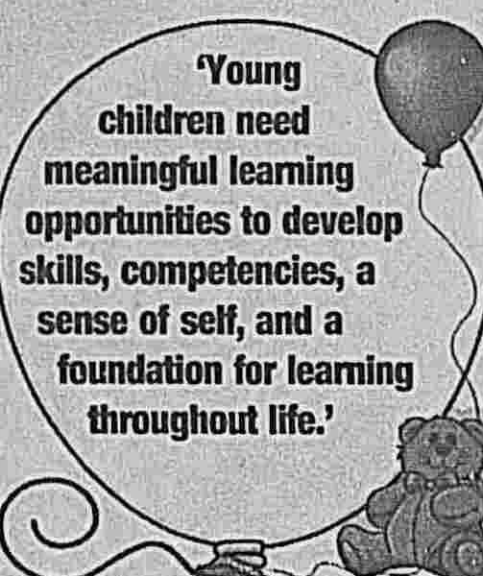
Zero to Three, a leading organization that focuses on early child development responded to Bruer's book stating, "We know from rigorous psychological and sociological research, and from compelling clinical experience, that early childhood is a time when infants and toddlers acquire many skills needed to become productive, happy adults."

Researchers have found children who attend high-quality early childhood programs do gain skills normally associated with greater brain development, such as problem solving and language, math, and literacy skills. They also gain other kinds of competencies such as self-control, a higher motivation for learning and social skills. Families benefit too as they access needed services, develop parenting skills, and participate in an atmosphere that promotes meaningful family involvement.

What is important for young children's early development?

Good early childhood experiences do count tremendously, but providing children with an early childhood education means much more than making them smarter, earlier. Young children need meaningful learning opportunities to develop skills, competencies, a sense of self, and a foundation for learning throughout life.

As stated by Zero to Three in their press release, "Efforts to help all children achieve the basic skills of trust, motivation, and self-control needed for later intellectual and emotional development should not be aimed at creating super-babies, or giving anxious parents one more thing to worry



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about, or overambitious parents one more reason to push their children."

"Our aim should be to ensure that all children reach school age with a solid foundation for learning and relating to others, and that all parents know what they can do to help their children develop. In the last decade, the United States has made important progress in recognizing the needs of young children. Businesses have made efforts to provide services to families. Parents are increasingly interested in how best to encourage and prepare their children. Taking to heart many of the negative messages of the myth of the first three years can only set back these efforts. Our nation's youngest citizens deserve better."



Resources

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Choosing Quality Child Care & Education

Some Questions To Ask Prospective Providers (And Yourself)



Choosing the right child care provider depends on your child's personality, maturity and unique needs, in addition to meeting your own needs for location, fees and hours of operation. What do you hope your child will gain from the child care experience – such as emotional development, independence, self-confidence, and intellectual stimulation – besides having physical needs met?

NOTE: You May Want To Do A Checklist For Each Center You Visit Before Deciding On Child Care.

The **Caregiver/Teacher** needs warmth, understanding and responsiveness in addition to training and experience.

- ☐ Is the caregiver licensed?
- ☐ Do the other children like the caregiver?
- ☐ Are their feelings respected? Do they feel appreciated? Does the provider listen to them?
- ☐ Is her response to specific situations, like temper tantrums or accidents appropriate?
- ☐ Do you agree with her approach to such daily issues as discipline, praise, hygiene, religion, toilet training, food, etc.?
- ☐ What provisions are made for substitutes if a caregiver is ill?

Whether formal or informal, each child care facility has a **Program** of activities. It should encourage children to explore, experiment, solve problems, use and understand language, and grasp new concepts.

- ☐ Are there a variety of activities geared to the ages and needs of the children?
- ☐ Is there a routine for meal and snack times, napping, and going outdoors?
- ☐ Are the routines flexible enough to accommodate individual children's needs?
- ☐ Are meals nutritious and appetizing? Are they eaten in a pleasant, friendly atmosphere?

The **Place** in which your child is cared for need not be fancy, but it should be clean, safe and inviting.

- ☐ Is there enough space for the children to move about and for comfortable napping?
- ☐ Are there a variety of materials to play with, appropriate for the children's ages and abilities, and stimulating to their creativity?
- ☐ Are bathrooms, diaper changing and food preparation areas kept clean?
- ☐ Are there cushioned play areas – carpets indoors, grass, sand or wood chips outside?
- ☐ Is safety considered in planning and practice?

Good child care provides for **Individual Growth**. All children learn and develop at their own pace, socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

- ☐ Are children given a chance to do things themselves, such as choosing activities at times?
- ☐ Are there periods of free play?
- ☐ Are children encouraged to develop responsibility? Do they help put toys away or set out cups for a snack?
- ☐ Is the staff sensitive to individual differences, varying developmental levels and ethnic or cultural backgrounds?

Family is central to a child's life, even when someone else is providing daily care. Communication may be formal or informal, but a good relationship between you and the caregiver/teacher is based on communication and respect.

- ☐ Do you feel welcome when visiting?
- ☐ Are parents encouraged to stay with their children part of the time the first few days to help the children feel at ease?
- ☐ What opportunities exist for sharing information about what is happening in the child's life?

*For a more detailed checklist, see the Child Care Coalition of Lake County website:
www.childcarecoalition.org or call the Coalition at (847) 735-9945.*

Noses in books: Tips to inspire a love of reading

By Tsivia Cohen

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Entering the World of a Book Together: The Early Years

Make reading aloud a regular part of everyday life.

Reading aloud calms children. Snuggle up so they can see the pages while you read. Children will connect reading to positive, close times with you.

"My little one would just know—his body clock would tell him—when it was our read-aloud time. He'd plop himself in my lap with a book. He made sure we read everyday—no matter how busy I got." —Mother of a four-year-old

Choose books that children will enjoy.

Start with books that have only a few words per page. Look for bright pictures, rhymes, repetition, and a simple story. Pick books you like too. Chances are, you'll read a book more than once.

Give it some pizzazz.

Be playful. Give the characters funny voices or make a big deal about turning the pages.

Teach while you read. Ideas to try now and then:

- By running a finger under the text, you'll help kids understand that you're reading from left to right and top to bottom.
- When children turn the pages, they're learning how books are put together.
- When you pause to let kids finish the rhymes with you, they're learning about the sounds within words.
- By asking kids to guess what the book will be about, you're teaching them to think as they read.

Enjoy yourselves!

Sometimes adults worry that reading aloud

isn't educational enough—that we'd better ask more questions or have kids read some words themselves. None of this is wrong, but don't let it get in the way of having fun. Seeing books as a source of pleasure will motivate kids to want to read.

Age is no limit: Kids are never too young...

"I started reading to my infant before he even knew what words were. By the time he was a toddler, he could fill in the rhymes. 'The dish ran away with...' 'The 'poon!'" —Mother of a twelve-year-old who loves to read.

or too old.

Even after kids begin to read on their own, they may still enjoy hearing books read aloud. Older children often enjoy hearing a chapter of a longer book each evening.

Supporting & Encouraging Children's Reading: The Later Years

Let kids pick what they want to read.

- Help kids guess what a book will offer. Show how to examine the jacket and cover. Have them open the book to three different pages to sample the text.
- Narrow choices for some kids. If children are overwhelmed by too many choices, pull out five books you think they might like. Let them choose among these.
- Pile them up. At the library, encourage kids to take a stack of books. If one book doesn't work, they can go on to the next—no worse than changing the channel if you don't like a program.
- Series books can work wonders. Books that feature the same characters are easier to read. When kids like one book in a series, they can be pretty sure the next one will be at their level.
- Don't forget non-fiction. Many kids enjoy books about cars, drawing, animals, or sports. With non-fiction, it's not necessary to read the whole book!

"Many avid adult readers started with comic books and magazines. Don't worry too much

about what your child reads now. Tastes will change many times as children grow." —Reading Teacher

Listen to your child read.

Give your child a chance to show off—to read a few words or a simple book to you.

Share the excitement of learning and succeeding. Build children's pride and confidence by focusing on what they can do.

Lighten the load.

Figuring out the words can take so much work that some kids give up or lose the sense of what they're reading. Some ways adults can help kids with the transition to reading independently:

- Tape the book or chapters. Your child may enjoy reading along with your taped voice or reading a book or chapter after you've read it aloud.
- Give kids real and fun reasons to reread. Reading the same poem, story, or book again can help emerging readers get up to speed. Learning the verses to songs or a part in a play can build fluency.
- Invite your child to read the first chapter to you. The early pages of a book include a lot of new information and words. Afterwards let your child choose to read the rest of the book silently. Kids learn new strategies by reading to themselves.
- Share the excitement. Read the same book as your child and chat about it. By talking together, you support both your child's understanding and word recognition.

Find times when other entertainment doesn't compete.

Not many children—or adults—are going to read a book at Navy Pier or when their favorite show is on TV. On the other hand, having a book along can make time fly when children have to wait.



Focus on the pleasure of reading.

Rewards for reading, such as stickers and prizes, may backfire. Help kids see that reading is fun. Reading is its own reward!

"The kids with the high reading scores—they're the ones with their noses in books all the time. Enjoyment is what drives them to read. They love it!" —Primary Teacher

We all read.

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Peanut butter packs a healthy punch. A diet containing peanuts and peanut butter is a good source of protein and helps put more "good fat" (unsaturated fat) into your diet. In addition, both peanuts and peanut butter are naturally cholesterol-free and offer good sources of vitamins E and B and other nutrients. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1 ounce of dry-roasted peanuts provides more than 13 percent of the daily reference value (DRV) of these nutrients per serving. The National Peanut Board, a research and promotion board that works on behalf of U.S. peanut farmers, agrees — they recommend including peanuts

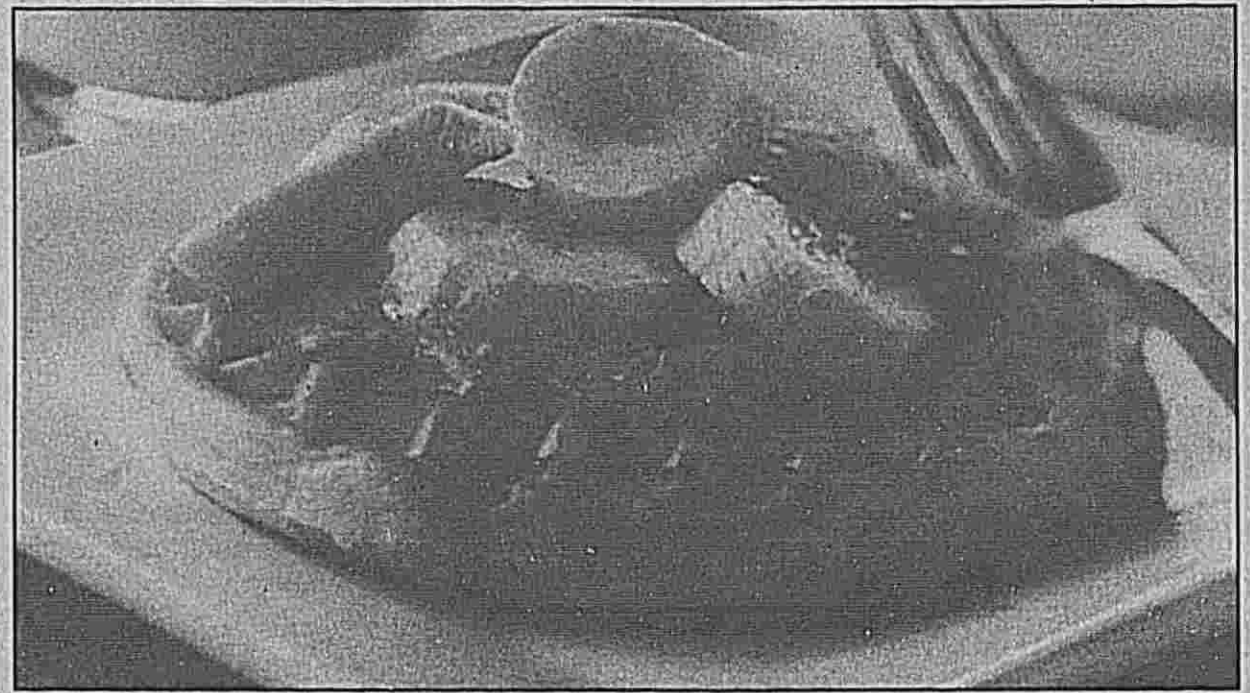
and peanut butter in your diet instead of foods high in saturated fats.

This "Peanut Butter and Banana Waffle Snack" from "The Busy Mom's Make It Quick Cookbook" (Meredith Books), by Jyl Steinback, can be served as a healthy breakfast or a snack to both adults and kids. You'll agree that there are a variety of great ways to enjoy peanuts.

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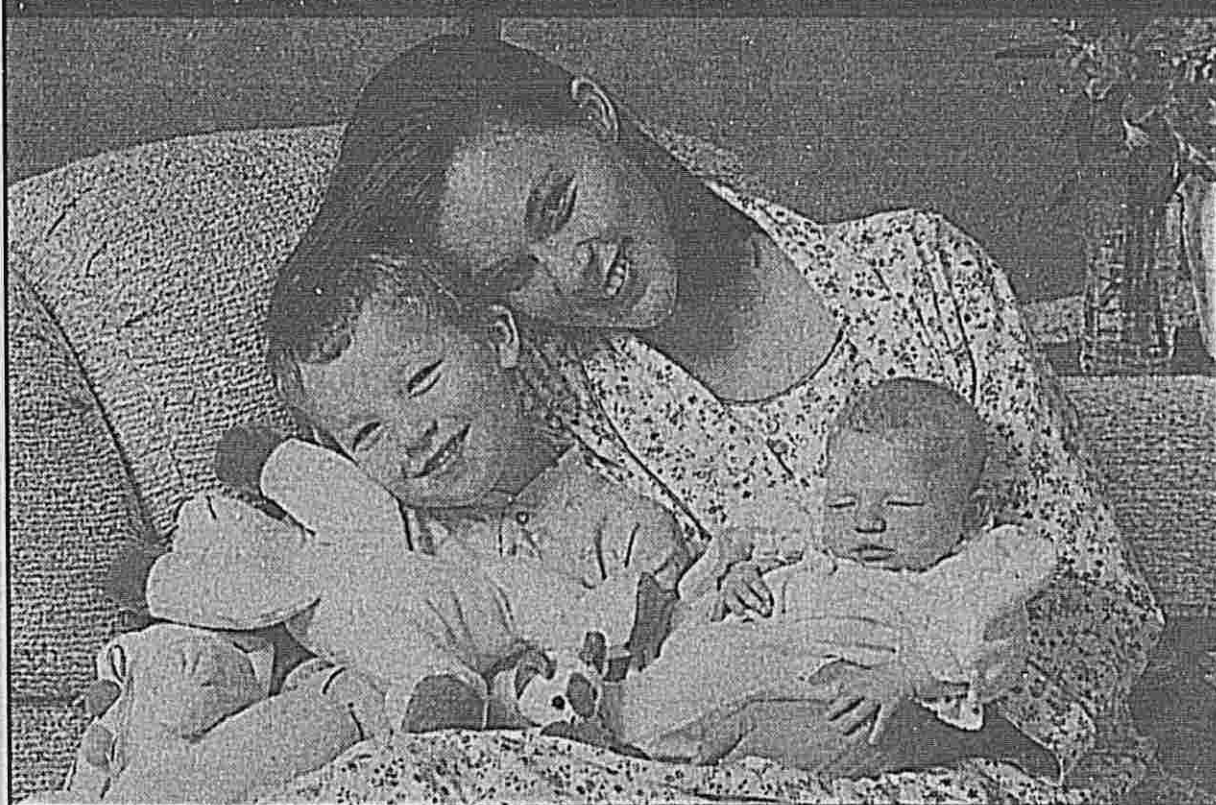
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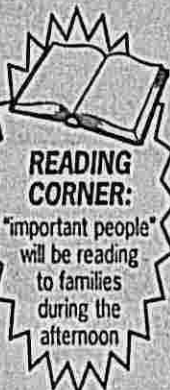
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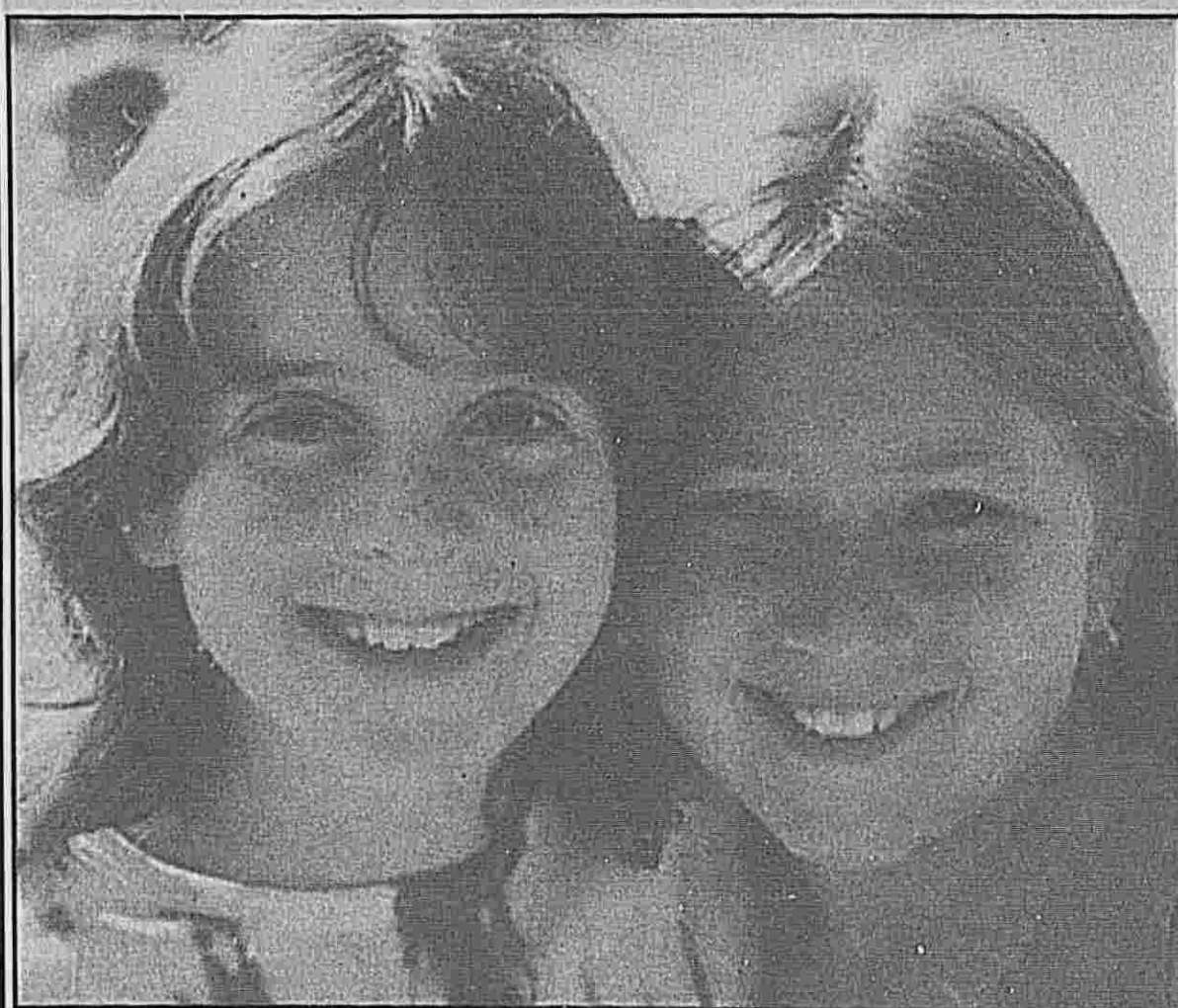


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Ethical issues fascinate in Wilson's 'The Story'

By Tom Witom

"The Story," a new play by Tracey Scott Wilson making its Chicago debut at the Goodman Theatre, takes its cue from recent scandals involving newspaper reporters such as Janet Cooke of the Washington Post and Jayson Blair at The New York Times, both of whom fell from grace after being exposed for fabricating stories.

Wilson's racially charged drama fascinates, although it never fully satisfies, as it re-creates a parallel account on stage.

"The Story," capably directed by Chuck Smith, leaves a lot of ambiguities in the air.

Set in New York City, a young, African-American rookie reporter who is romantically involved in a white editor (Kevin McKillip) on the metropolitan desk joins "The Daily." Full of ambition, she resents having to start as a staff writer for Outlook, a section focusing on black-oriented events, from community center openings and other neighborhood doings.

Yvonne, played with intensity by Lizzy Cooper Davis, makes it clear: "I would like to be thought of as a reporter rather than a black reporter." Her immediate supervisor, Pat (Jacqueline Williams), the first of her race to be hired for an editorial position on the paper, advises Yvonne to proceed cautiously and not stir things up in an already-tense office environment. But Yvonne is unstoppable

and soon comes up with a scoop: a source who confesses to killing of a white teacher (Josh Bywater) who, with his wife (Kati Brazda) had ended up in the wrong place in a dangerous part of town.

The source, a young black student who goes by the name Latisha (Monet Butler), allows herself to be interviewed on condition of anonymity. Latisha, who is self-taught in German and Italian, claims to be a member of a secret girl gang with a penchant for violence.

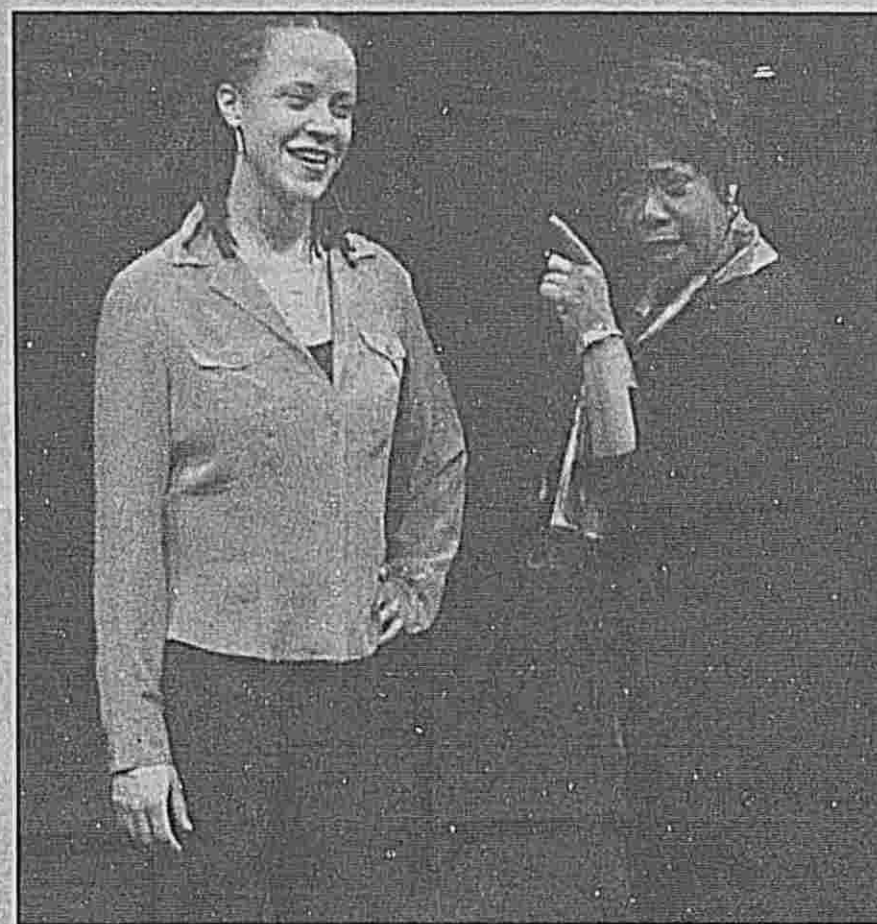
Even as the story breaks, suspicion – and envy – reared in the newsroom at a new reporter still on probation landing such a blockbuster story. Neil (Patrick Sims), a seasoned reporter, bristles at being outmaneuvered by the likes of Yvonne.

But when Latisha subsequently recants her story as completely false (she was just trying to impress the reporter) Yvonne faces an ethical dilemma that's at the core of "The Story." Does she eat humble pie and publicly admit she acted rashly by rushing to print before gathering all the pertinent facts? How does she respond when inconsistencies in her resume come to light? Unanswered suspicions also involve the role, if any, played by the wife of the slain teacher.

Playwright Wilson uses trenchant dialogue often accompanied by simultaneous, spitfire delivery.

The sterile set design isn't convincing. A simulated newsroom needs more than two pristine desks. Not having a single computer in sight is a big oversight.

On Stage



Lizzy Cooper Davis (left) plays Yvonne, the rising star reporter in Tracey Scott Wilson's "The Story" at the Goodman Theatre. Here she is pictured with Jacqueline Williams, in the role of her boss.



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still playing



Diary of a Mad Black Woman: A film that addresses the plight of women African American and otherwise who have been wronged. Its focus is on redemption and forgiveness. The story is told with strong religious messages against a comedic backdrop. Stars Kimberly Elise of "Manchurian

Candidate," soap opera star Shemar Moore, legendary Cicely Tyson, and Steve Harris from TV's "The Practice." Also features screenwriter Tyler Perry (the film is based on his highly successful play) in three roles. (PG-13)



opening this week



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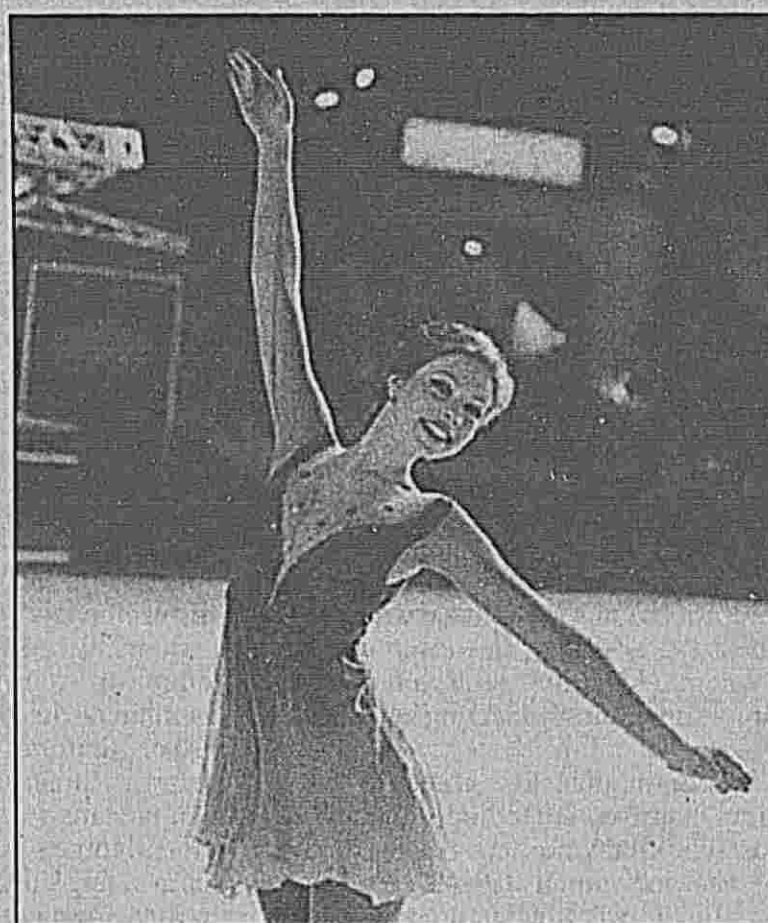
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Casey Carlyle (Michelle Trachtenberg) is a bright young high school student who is so good at physics that she can more or less easily slide into Harvard if she tells them she wants to be one of the boys. To give her a push in that direction, her teacher suggests that during the summer she work on a project that showcases her skills. He emphasizes that it needs to have a personal touch to be most effective. While watching TV one day, Casey sees an ice skating competition and wonders about the aerodynamics of the sport and decides to make that her research project. The only ice skating Casey has done has been on the pond in her back yard.

She begins by going to the local ice skating rink where Coach Tina Harwood (Kim Cattrall, always fully clothed here as opposed to her role in TV's "Sex in the City"), is training students for a regional competition. Coach Harwood's daughter Gen (Hayden Panettiere of "Racing Stripes") is an excellent skater who does not have her heart in what she is doing. Gen is one of the popular girls in school, while Casey is perceived as a geek. Gen is a "socialite" with only so-so grades, and she would rather use her intellect to get her grades up in math than skate. Casey's mother Joan (Joan Cusack) points out that ice skaters have a career of maybe eight years, and then they do a few years on the "has been" circuit of ice shows. Mrs. Carlyle is a do the right thing feminist who thinks the skimpy skirts

the women ice skaters perform in are demeaning and that a big time splurge is to make pancakes at home with white flour.

While Casey is working on her project, she decides that to best understand what she is doing, she must personally test her theories that she has developed on her computer. When she puts those theories to practice on a professionally groomed rink, as compared to the pond in her back yard, she learns two important things. One is that she's good at it and more importantly, she has a passion for it that might surpass her love of physics.

Soon Casey is practicing to enter a skating competition, considering taking a pass on getting into Harvard and not telling her mother how dramatically her life has changed. She's also met Teddy (Trevor Blumas), her first love, at the skating rink, who happens to be Gen's brother.

The film provides some behind the scenes reality of what it takes to be a professional skater. Part of it is talent, while much of it is a willingness to work, financial sacrifices by the family, and handling the ruthlessness of skating competitors.

This charming film is a must see for anyone that gets that addiction every four years to see every Olympic skating competition. With respect to values and lessons of life to be learned, this is an effort by Disney that's on par with "The Rookie." This is a movie aimed at girls that even boys will enjoy.

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Ice Princess

Review by
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Daily 12:15 2:30 4:50 7:10 9:25

MISS CONGENIALITY 2* (PG-13)
Daily 12:10 2:35 5:00 7:25 9:50

THE RING 2* (PG-13)
Daily 12:20 2:45 5:10 7:35 10:00

ICE PRINCESS* (G)
Daily 12:00 2:10 4:20 6:40 8:55

ROBOTS (PG)
Daily 12:00 1:00 2:00 3:00 4:00 5:00
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HOSTAGE (R)
Daily 8:00

THE PACIFIER (PG)
Daily 12:30 2:40 4:45 6:50 9:10

HITCH (PG-13)
Daily 2:00 4:35 7:15 9:50

BE COOL (PG-13)
Fri-Tue 12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00

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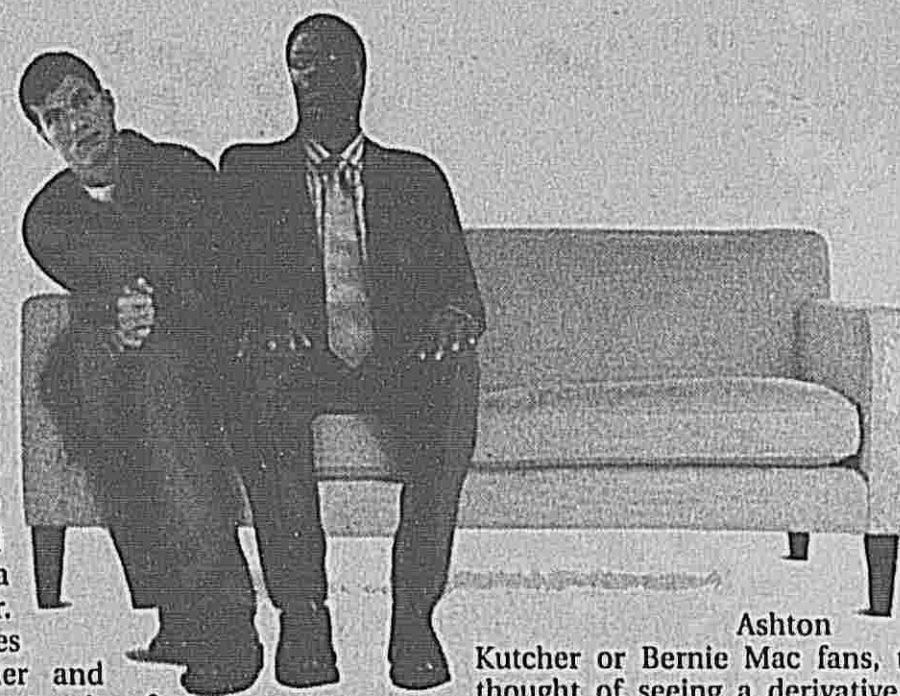
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Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG13) 1:15, 3:50, 6:45, 9:15
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Hitch (PG13) 1:00, 3:35, 7:00, 9:35
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My other half



Percy Jones (Bernie Mac) is about to renew his vows with his wife of 25 years, Marilyn (Judith Scott). He's a numbers oriented, by-the-book manager of the loan department at a local bank. Although he has a sparkling personality, his creativity lacks that same effervescence. When he tries to write his vows for the ceremony, he can only come up with lyrics from old tunes, long buried in his memory. Furthermore he is too dim to know it.

His daughter Theresa (Zoe Saldana) is bringing her fiancé Simon (Ashton Kutcher) home to meet her parents. Normally, that's enough stress on its own (a.k.a. "Meet the Parents"), but here, they are also planning to announce their engagement. Dad believes in checking up on the guys that Theresa dates and Simon's numbers look pretty good: great job at a top notch NYC investment firm, spotless credit record, a promising future. Percy is in for a rude awak-

ening when the lovebirds arrive at the house and he realizes that Simon is white. Much of a relationship between a man and a woman is how one views the other half. Unfortunately, how others view them can have an impact also. Furthermore, what Percy and Theresa don't know is that on the eve of the renewal ceremony, Simon has quit his job.

Of course, all ends well, and along the way, we are provided with a somewhat humorous state of race relations in America today. The film makes use of music in which the lyrics fit the script to the point that it feels a little too slick and contrived. There are some awkward moments about where Simon is going to sleep, especially when it's in Percy's house. The solution is over the top.

Zoe Saldana is now grown up from her roles in "Crossroads" and "Dumline," and it's clear that she'll one-day get more notice when the right supporting or leading role comes along. She can be bubbly cute yet there is a streak of intensity that reminds one of Kimberly Elise (Diary of a Mad Black Woman).

At a time when politicians have mastered how to speak in code about hot button subjects, we have become astute enough to pick up on the implications that lie beneath the superficial slapstick humor. When Simon speaks up at the dinner table to prove how liberal and non-racist he is, he proudly recounts

that he called one of his relatives to task by telling him that his black jokes were inappropriate. Percy insists that Simon tell the joke, which gets a little nervous laughter. Then he encourages him to tell another and another. This leads to a series of jokes that are "funny" until Simon tells one that is funny to him but not to the African Americans around the table. Point made.

George's Take: I can recall being guilty of practicing similar humor about Polish people when I was a teenager. It's a case of making yourself feel better by putting down someone else. Although the jokes can be funny, they have a different connotation when folks poke fun at themselves.

Pam's Take: These jokes are born of ignorance and there is no redeeming value in any setting.

What elevates this comedy of the week a notch above many Hollywood cliché ridden movies is the reality of some of the dialogue. There is a scene when Theresa's sister Keisha (Kellee Stewart) is thrilled that she can do just about anything wrong and get away with it because it won't be as serious an offense to dad as bringing home a white man. We have a friend whose sister said the same thing, the key difference being that her fiancé is a black man.

On the subject of the renewal of wedding vows, we've thought about that (we celebrated our 40th anniversary last year). We've not done it, in part because we don't want the event to be pretentious, and if we did, just what do you say that makes sense?

For those of us that are not committed

Ashton Kutcher or Bernie Mac fans, the thought of seeing a derivative of "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" (Sidney Poitier and Katharine Hepburn) can only cause a groan. This updated romantic comedy about an interracial romance is a pleasant surprise.



Guess Who

Review by
Pam & George O. Singleton
at info@reelmoviecritic.com

Cast

Bernie Mac Percy Jones
Ashton Kutcher Simon Green
Zoe Saldana Theresa Jones
Judith Scott Marilyn Jones

Directed by Kevin Rodney Sullivan. Comedy with light political overtones. Columbia Pictures. Rated PG-13 for sex-related humor.

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Be careful of what you are doing, Aries. You could send an e-mail to the wrong person or leave a sensitive document in the copier. Stay on your toes most of this week.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Keep track of your finances, Taurus. It's easy to let a bill slide by otherwise. You don't want to mar your financial record with a foolish mistake, like sending out a payment late.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

It will be difficult to schedule meetings these days, Gemini. Everyone keeps switching the date, and finding an acceptable time is turning into a fiasco. Keep your patience.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Some of your best plans will go awry, Cancer. Just about everything will require more time and, most likely, more money. You may want to jump ship.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

The next week is not ideal for venturing into new territory, but you can shore up projects you have already started. These projects may be relationships as well.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

This isn't the time for domestic decisions. You could end up with home renovations that border on weird. Wait some time before heading to the home center or choosing paint swatches.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

This week, you will be delighted to bump into old friends. Take the time to catch up on past history, and resolve to keep in touch more, Libra. You prefer play to work anyway.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

If you've been scatterbrained, things will all come into focus this week, Scorpio. You could find that lost watch or set of keys. Others will notice your regained concentration.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Things are not working according to your timetable, Sagittarius, and you are frustrated. It's best if you adapt to the new schedule rather than forging ahead.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You can finally catch up on all those chores you promised to get to, Capricorn. Even though the thought isn't appealing, you know that it can't be all fun and no work.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Your schedule this week seems ridiculous. You feel there will be no way to get it all done, Aquarius. Somehow you'll summon the power of an army and push through.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

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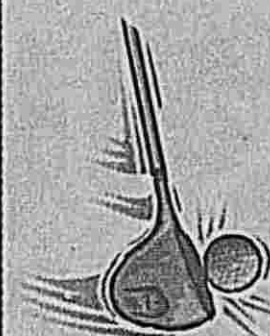
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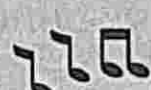
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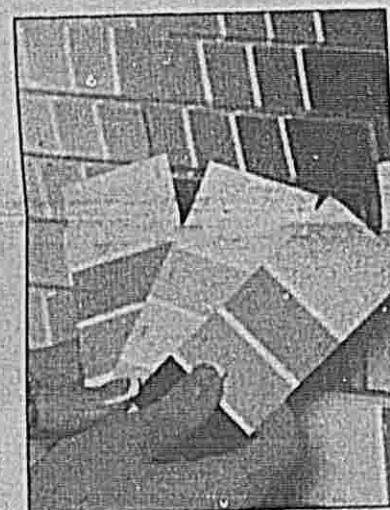
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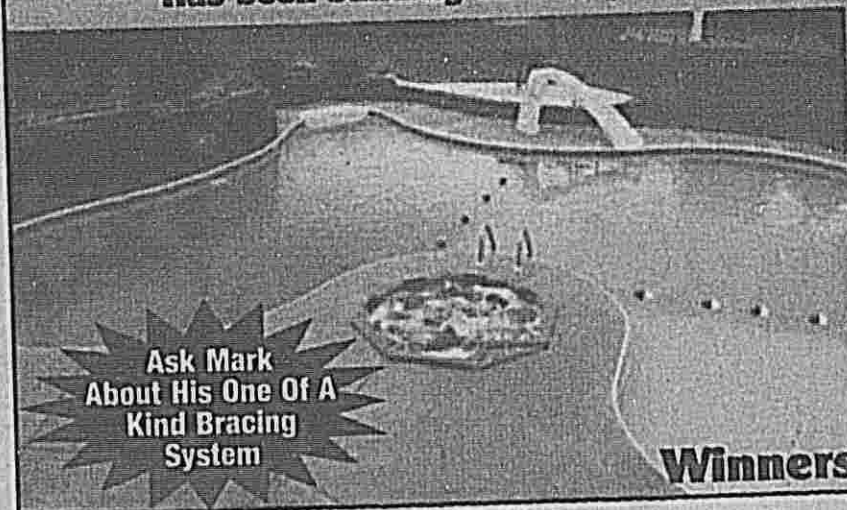
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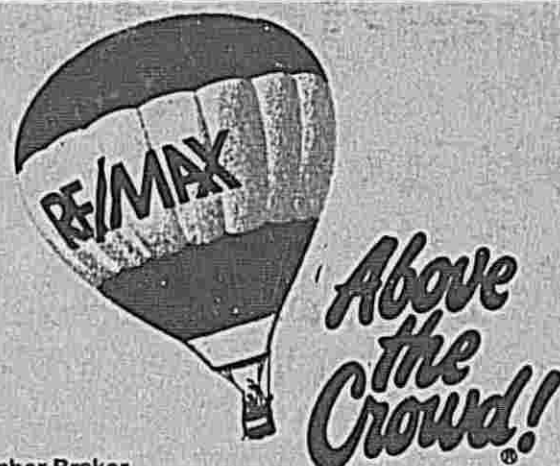
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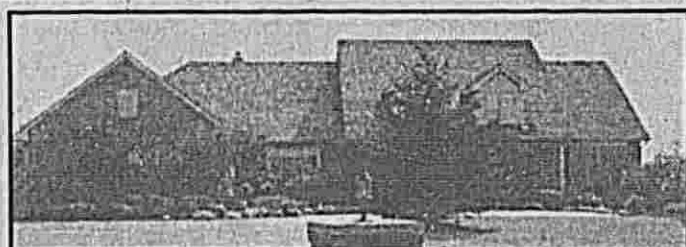
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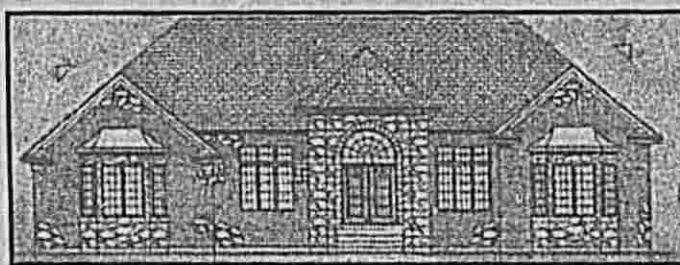
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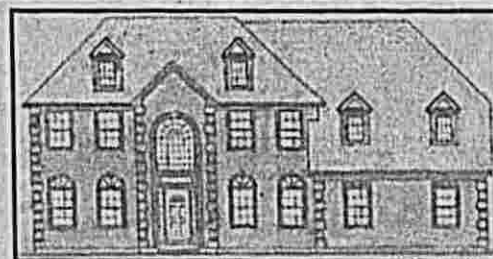
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"It boils down to one idea: room for change," he said. "And it's not just a concern for a growing young family. Even empty nesters who may be shopping for something smaller than the home in which they reared their family have to consider the need of extra bedrooms or play areas for present or future grandchildren. Indirectly, a growing family can be as relevant to grandparents as it is to parents."

Here are some tips on mapping both your present and future needs — and providing for personal preferences — that Gronow suggest you use:

- Is the home large enough, or can it grow with your family? Are there unfinished areas that can be finished later into complete rooms? Do the lot size and zoning allow for additions later on?

- Is there enough storage space? Count the closets on the floor plan and then check out additional storage space in the garage, basement, attic or crawl space.

"From the walk-in closets — which have grown in size to the point where we now refer to them as 'wardrobe rooms' — to the generously-sized pantries, storage space is a focus in our designs," said Gronow.

- Are there enough bathrooms?

- Is there adequate eating space? Is there space for a breakfast set in the kitchen, or does the home feature a breakfast area? Is there a formal dining area and, if so, will your dining room set fit?

- Is the kitchen laid out for maximum efficiency and convenience? Does it have the equipment you need? Is counter and cabinet space adequate? Is it an open-plan kitchen, where you can keep an eye on children or grandchildren while working in the kitchen?

- Is there sufficient recreation space? You may be content with an adequate living room now, but can you use a family room or basement as well for hobbies or other activities?

Location, of course, is a very personal thing. How important, sooner or later, is proximity to schools, shopping, transportation and employment? "This will vary from home buyer to home buyer," said Gronow. "For empty nesters, it tends to depend on more social criteria — shopping nearby, churches, and where their family members and friends live."

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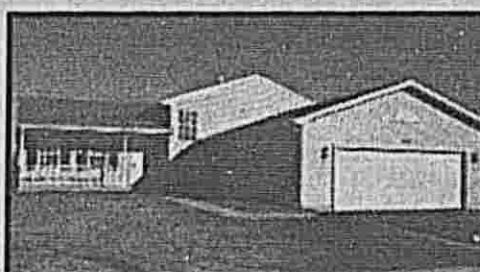


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The first thing to catch your eye is the covered front porch, with attractive railing. Summer nights will be a lot cooler when you are sitting out here with a tall glass of iced tea.

ers a clear view of the surrounding landscape. The U-shaped kitchen has all the built-in appliances, a sizable pantry and a garden window.

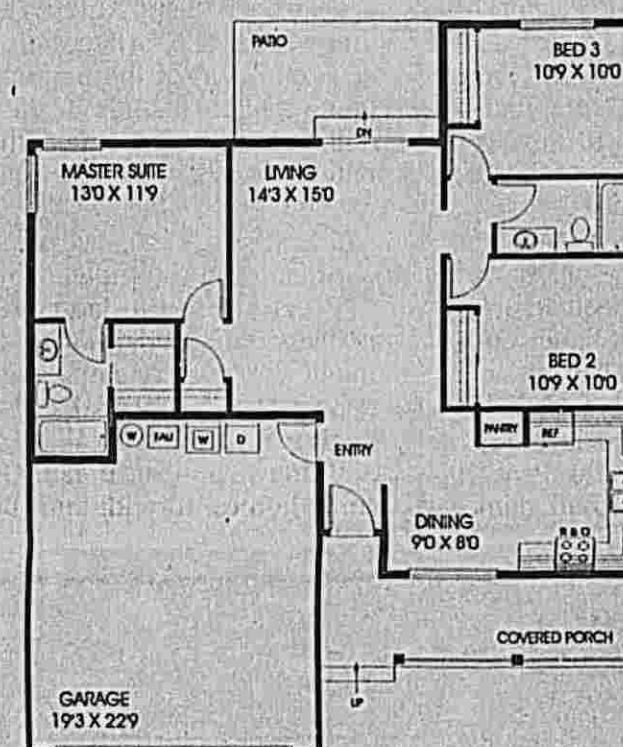
To the left of the entry, the isolated master suite will guarantee your privacy. There is plenty of room here, with 152 square feet of sleeping area, a private bathroom and a spacious walk-in closet. Extra closet space is on hand just outside the master suite.

The living room is the main gathering place in the home. Here you and your guests can hook up the VCR and watch the latest video or enjoy a game of cards. There is easy access to the back patio, where warm weather will find you firing up the barbecue and inviting over the whole gang.

The two identical secondary bedrooms, separated by a full bathroom, each has a nice sized window and an ample closet. For those without children at home, these rooms can have many functions. They can be sealed off until guests are present, or perhaps converted into a home office, library, sewing or exercise room.

The washer and dryer are located in the garage. A separate entry into the house allows you to carry groceries directly into the kitchen.

For a study plan, including scaled floor plan(s), elevations, section(s), and an artist rendering, send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Please specify plan name (OXBOW) and the number (404-40). A catalog featuring hundreds of home plans is available for \$12.95, or save by ordering both for \$29.95. For faster processing, call 1-800-562-1151 or visit the Web site at www.landmarkdesigns.com.



To the right of the recessed entry is the kitchen-dining area. The generous dining room will enhance any meal. A large picture window admits the available light and deliv-



Hospital benefits

Visitors to this concept house presented by Orren Pickell Designs & Builders contributed to Highland Park Hospital. The home features two master suite, a plus for two generations living under the same roof. There is a second-floor office. There is a butler's pantry and a kitchen featuring cabinetry with the feel of fine furniture. Orren Pickell is headquartered in Lincolnshire.

Earth,

Wind & Fire:

Brick protects homes best

This home illustrates the performance of brick vs. vinyl siding in a hail storm earlier this year. Which home would you rather live in?



Technology and advancements within the building industry have made many exterior cladding alternatives possible over the past few decades, but sometimes the products that have been around for a while are still the best...and brick has been around for centuries. Homebuyers already know that brick exudes value and quality with low-maintenance, aesthetic beauty and a track record of increasing homes' resale values. But people don't buy homes primarily as investments. They buy homes to create a comfortable and safe living environment in an unpredictable world. Time and time again, brick has helped homebuyers maintain this ideal.

Hurricanes... Several years ago, Hurricane Fran brought 100-mile-per-hour winds that sped through Nancy and Don Coey's neighborhood. In the process, a very old 18-ton oak tree became uprooted by the fierce wind, smashing into the Coeys' roof. Rafters were cracked along with a foot-high "knee wall" between the ceiling and the roof. However, the damage stopped there—or rather was stopped there, by a brick wall above the second floor window. "If the house had siding instead of brick, the tree would have sliced right through it," said Nancy Coey. "If the brick hadn't held we probably wouldn't be alive today."

Following Hurricane Opal in 1995, which reeked havoc throughout the southeast, The Masonry Society's (TMS) Disaster Team of qualified researchers went to Pensacola, Florida, and found no cases in which wind had damaged

masonry fireplaces and chimneys. In fact, in one documented case, a brick fireplace and chimney actually prevented the total collapse of a home. Amazingly, while many of the homes in the area lost their lower levels and collapsed, this home on Pensacola Beach received heavy damage to its lower level, but the top stayed mostly intact due to the strength of the brick chimney.



Wind & Hail... In Chicago in June 2000 a high-rise apartment building for the elderly experienced severe wind damage that could have been prevented had the veneer been brick instead of synthetic stucco. The 13-story building, only eight or nine years old, lost a large amount of synthetic stucco, which literally blew off of the building, leaving nothing more than a frame and steel studs in the damaged area. Thankfully, and quite miraculously, none of the residents were injured, but the potential for devastation could have been prevented entirely if the building had been clad in brick. The performance of vinyl is equally dismal in the face of hail. Damage may include scratching, denting and complete devastation (see photo).

Tornadoes... In January 1997, eight tornadoes with estimated wind speeds ranging from 120 to 160+ mph, plagued middle Tennessee, damaging 250 structures and injuring 23 people. The Masonry Society's disaster team found that, particularly in a subdivision called Southridge, "several partial failures appeared to indicate that brick veneer enhanced the stability of some homes. In addition, the team's November 1999 report


states, "1/3 to 1/2 of the cladding used in the subdivision was fully or partially brick veneer. However, only small amounts of brick were found among the demolished structures (as compared to other cladding materials)." In several cases, the brick portion of residences was the only portion left intact. No cases were observed where brick was destroyed while other materials were left complete, offering further proof of brick's significant protective potential.

Fire... Made of nonflammable natural clay materials, brick is the most fire-resistant of all siding options. As a result, home insurance rates are often lower on brick homes. Brick's advantage over other materials clearly illustrated during a fire in Rockville, Maryland's Falls Grove subdivision on Oct. 28, 2002, when 75 firefighters showed up to battle a blaze which started at a home under construction in the neighborhood. The fire completely destroyed the home and did extensive damage to the surrounding area, including adjacent vinyl-sided homes which experienced extensive damage due to the extreme heat. Nearby brick homes suffered little damage. In fact, the brick veneer on the lower levels of a condominium building across the street escaped unscathed while the vinyl siding on the upper levels appeared to require complete replacement.

Destructive weather and other disasters are a fact of life; however, the enduring beauty and dependability of brick hasn't changed for nearly 3,000 years. Brick is as beautiful, safe and economical today as it was for our ancestors.


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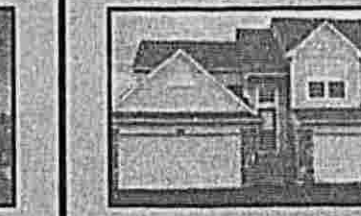


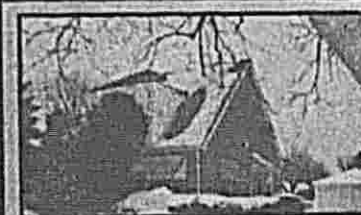
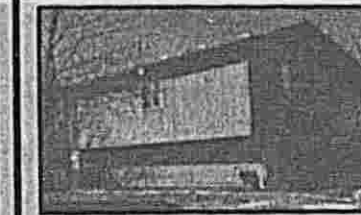
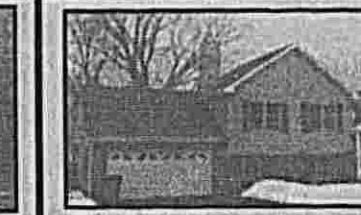


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Here are some helpful storage and packing tips. It's moving time! This is the best time to list your home for sale and the first thing that your realtor will suggest is that you pack up all of the clutter and put it in storage so your home looks bigger. The ladies at Grass Lake Storage & Packaging in Lindenhurst are very friendly and available with information and suggestions that will make your storage experience a positive one. In addition to having multiple sizes of storage units, they also carry a full line of boxes, packaging supplies and rent UHaul trucks—one stop convenience shopping!

Grass Lake Storage & Packaging recommends that you put your items in a box. Whenever possible, it is best to use a uniform

size box for ease in stacking and maximizing space. Use pallets (provided free of charge) on the cement floor to aid in the ventilation and air flow in the unit. Establish a walkway to the back of the unit. It is also helpful to place frequently used items and especially any financial records you have near the door. It is amazing how often you will need that one document for closing and searching for that at the very back under everything in the middle of summer is not pleasant. When storing appliances, make sure that they are clean and dry. Always wedge the doors open. When packing books, it is recommended lining the box(es) with plastic (garbage bags are excellent) and pack books flat to protect their spines. Boxes of books should be placed directly on pallets and not stacked due to weight. Dishes should be packed in specially designed dish packs with

the glassware partition kit. The ladies at Grass Lake Storage & Packaging had this excellent tip for packing dinner and desert plates. They recommend buying cheap styrofoam dinner and dessert size plates to insert between your china plates (the size is perfect). Then when unpacking at the new home, they're perfect and reusable for pizza. They also advise that you not cover furniture with plastic: it creates moisture and the wood finish will bubble. Use furniture blankets or old bedding instead.

Suggestions for determining what size unit you will need:

5x10. This unit is approximately the size of a narrow walk-in closet. You can store a couple pieces of furniture such as a chest of drawers, a few chairs and boxes. Perfect for that snow blower and other out of season tools.

10x10. This unit is approximately the size of a large walk-in closet with much easier access. It will hold furniture (not including appliances) from a one-bedroom apartment, boxes and miscellaneous items.

10x20. This unit is approximately the size of a one-car garage. It will hold furniture from a 2 to 3 bedroom house (including appliances), boxes and miscellaneous items from the garage or basement. It can also be used to store a car

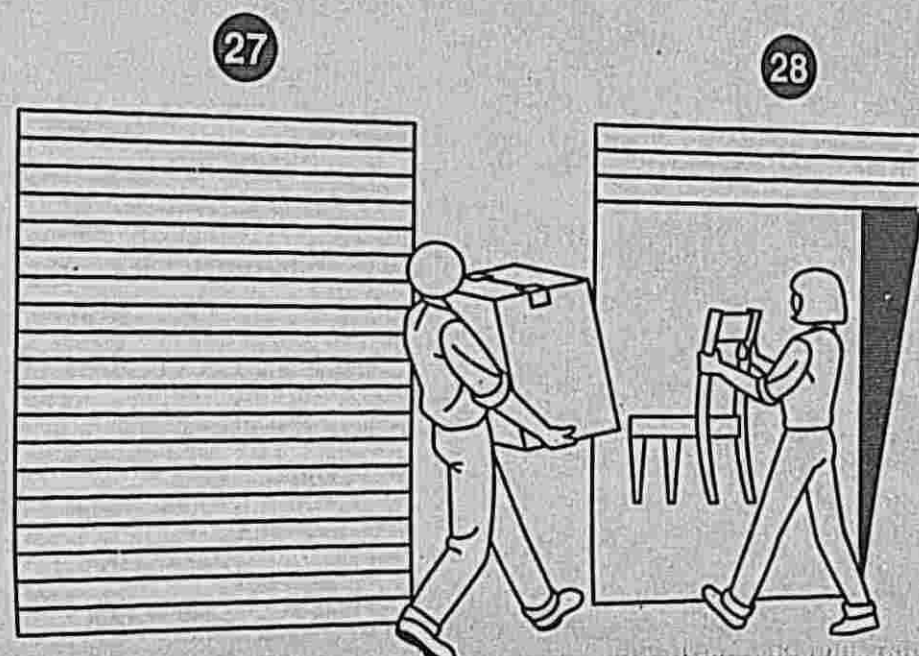
or truck (depending on height).

10x30. This unit is will hold the contents of a 3- to 4-bedroom house (including appliances), boxes and miscellaneous items from the garage and basement.

In addition to the above listed sizes, Grass Lake Storage & Packaging has 10x15 and 10x25 units.

Boxing it up... the following is a list of commonly used boxes

- Small box 16x12x12 is excellent for heavier items
- Medium box 18x18x16 not too big around that you cannot get your arms around it and not too deep
- Large box 18x18x24 is good for packing pots, pans and kids toys
- Extra large box 30x20x20 is excellent for lightweight, bulky items like comforters and pillows
- Dish Pack w/ inserts is made of double strength corrugated and has handles on the side for carrying ease
- Wardrobe box is tall and has a metal bar for hanging clothes
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Furniture shopping on a limited budget

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But don't despair. You don't need a designer's wallet to score beautiful furniture. All you need is a little ingenuity and some time to search for bargains. If you're handy, that is an added bonus, and it will make narrowing your choices even easier. Here are some frugal ways to decorate on a budget:

- **Outlet and Clearance Bargains** — Head to your neighborhood warehouse store for well-priced items that are within reach for those with tight budgets. Or check out department store clearance centers, where discontinued or outdated furniture is reduced.

- **Model home mania** — If there is a surge of home building happening in your area, check with the developer's sales office to see if they will be selling the furnishings when the models are closed to the public. Keep in mind that some items may be faded or worn due to the number of people visiting the homes.

- **Consignment shops** — These stores as well as thrift stores often have wonderful treasures, if you have the time to sort through their inventory. Remember, since items move in and out of these stores frequently, be ready to make quick purchases if you fall in love with something.

- **Scour the neighborhood** — Many people make it a hobby of searching for furnishings in their neighborhood on garbage pick-up day. As they say, "One man's junk is another man's treasure." Don't forget yard sales or moving sales for other low-price sources of furnishings.

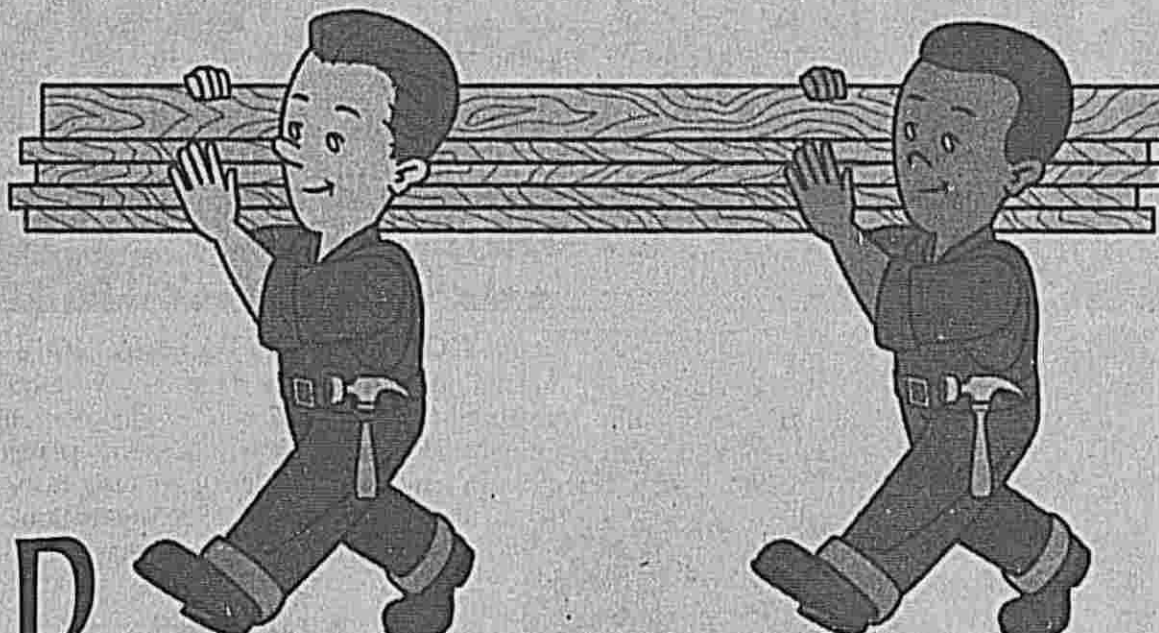
- **Slightly irregular department** — Some furniture stores have areas where they keep furniture that has slight imperfections such as scratches or dents. If you can live with the blemishes, you may be able to haggle a reasonable price on normally expensive finds.

- **Consult friends and family** — Have you had your eye on Aunt Jane's chaise lounge or think that your best friend's armoire would look beautiful in your bedroom? Don't be afraid to ask loved ones if they have furniture they can part with. Some may have wonderful pieces hiding out in basements or attics, just waiting to be discovered.

- **Revamp your furnishings** — If you're unhappy with the budget-friendly finds out there, consider reupholstering or improving your current furniture. A new slipcover, coat of paint or swatch of fabric can do wonders to tired furnishings.



Particleboard, MDF, OSB ... Do you know the difference?



Reconstituted wood products are a staple of home construction and remodeling. They are made by mixing leftover wood parts with glues and resins to create a product that doesn't warp or bow like traditional plywoods.

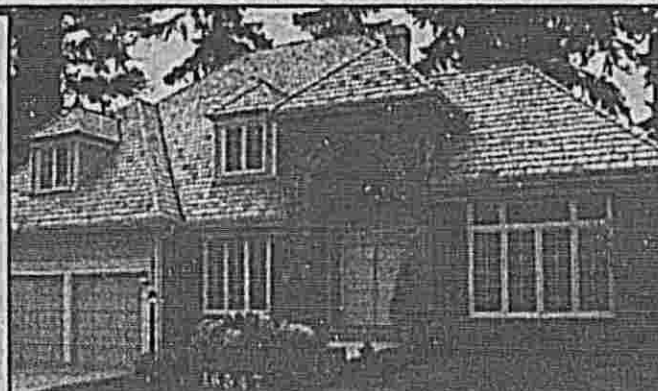
Certain projects require a specific type of reconstituted wood. If you use the wrong product, you could hit a troublesome roadblock with your home renovation.

To help select the right wood for your application, here is some information on three popular types of reconstituted wood, courtesy of Lowes.com.

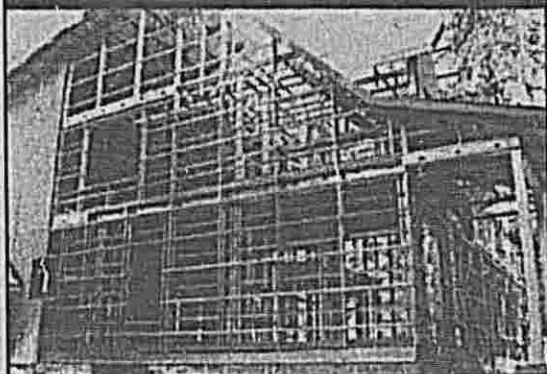
- **Particleboard** — A waste-wood product that is made by mixing sawdust with adhesives. Although it will not bow or warp like plywood, it can swell and become unstable when exposed to water. Applications include furniture, underlayment and substrate for countertops. It can be milled with all power tools.

- **Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF)** — A waste-wood product that is made with fine wood fiber. Applications include furniture, shelving, cabinetry and moulding. It cuts easily with power tools.

- **Oriented Strand Board (OSB)** — An engineered wood product that is made with flakes or large chips of wood. The panels are formed from layers or piles that are glued together with their strands at 90-degree angles. The cross orientation of the layers strengthens the panels, making OSB well-suited for use as a structure board but can't be shaped, sanded or milled. Applications include sheathing and underlayment.



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Branch circuits should be sized to limit voltage drop to two percent, when measured from the electric service panel to the specific appliance or equipment. Voltage drop occurs any time electricity travels through a wire. If the wire size is small or the circuit run is long, the voltage will drop significantly from one end of the wire to the other. Exceeding two percent can cause motors to overheat, and lowers the performance of heating and lighting devices, as shown below.

A 5 percent voltage drop results in:

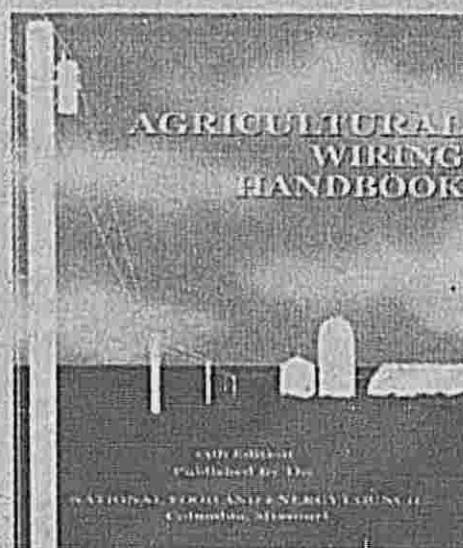
- 10 percent loss of heat in any heating appliance
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- 5 percent increase in current to a motor (causing energy waste)
- 25 percent increase in motor heating (causing shortened motor life)

So how do you know the right size wire to use for a long circuit run, or the effect of running a long extension cord to an appliance? The easiest way is to use reference tables that do the calculations for you. Using the length of the circuit run (in feet) and the size of the electric load required by the appliance (in amps) there are numeric tables that provide the minimum size conductor needed to limit voltage drop to two percent. One source is the "Agricultural Wiring Handbook."

This book covers topics beyond just farm wiring, because it includes 29 wire selection tables. Both copper and aluminum conductor tables are included, for electric loads from 5 to 400 amps, and circuit runs up to 2,000 feet.

To learn more about sizing circuits, talk with an experienced electrician or major supplier of electrical wiring.

For information on the "Agricultural Wiring Handbook," including ordering information, visit the National Food and Energy Council site at www.nfec.org or call them weekdays at 1-937-383-0001.



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5172 Cheshire, 134,000
6881 Hampton Circle, 186,000
732 Drury Court, 108,000
18535 Woodland Terrace, 200,000
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3954 Grandview, 200,000
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4 Tall Oak Dr., 279,500
424 Patriot Dr., 190,426

348 Deer Run Dr., 225,000
188 Big Horn Dr., 215,500
382 Patriot Dr., 193,893
626 Holiday Lane, 161,000
600 White Lane, 225,000
494 Holiday Lane, 148,000
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226 Stillwater, 228,000
357 Buck Dr., 201,750
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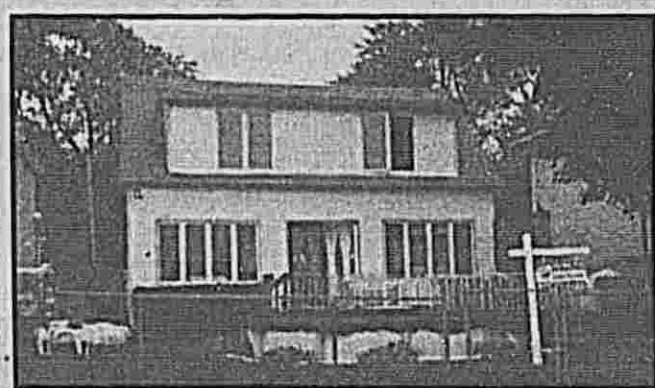
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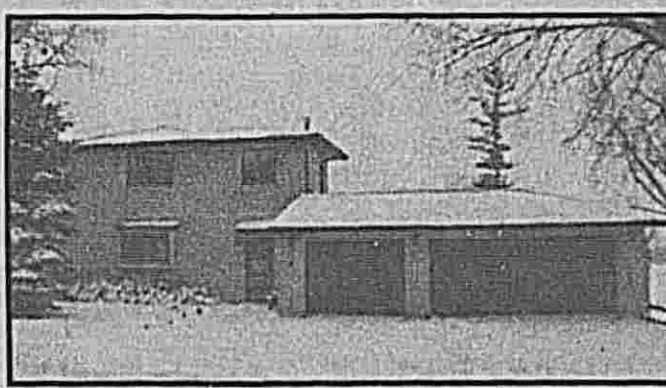
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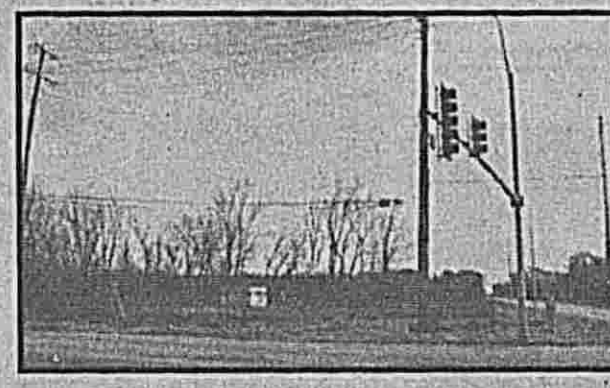
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Take steps to scale down kitchen clutter

The kitchen is one of the busiest spaces in a home. Cooking, eating, entertaining and socializing all happen in the kitchen — it's the main gathering place in the home. As a result, it is likely the most unorganized room in the house. If your kitchen cabinets and junk drawers are jammed and overflowing, you are running out of counter space, or you can never find what you need when you need it, it's time to take control of your kitchen clutter. Here are some tips to organize your kitchen and keep it clutter-free.

1. Create an organizational plan. Establish work stations like a restaurant does and keep related items at each station: prep area, cooking, baking and cleaning.

2. Purchase storage solutions. Plastic bins, baskets, containers, racks and free-standing units are inexpensive storage ideas. You can find deals at dollar stores, or check stores that carry overstocks, closeouts and slightly dented items. You may even be able to re-use items you already own. For instance, a shoebox covered with the same contact paper as your shelves can store spice bottles. If you are short on cabinet space but have plenty of wall space, try using an old bureau to store canned goods,



Utilizing storage solutions and tossing unused gadgets can help keep your kitchen organized and clutter-free.

towels, extra dishes or cookware. Don't forget to nest items inside one another to maximize space.

3. Every item needs its own home. When items have a designated place, they

tend to get put away. If they don't, they tend to get lost. Utilize bins and baskets wherever possible to keep "like things" together and readily accessible. Go vertical to free up horizontal space. Utilize the empty verti-

cal wall space in a nearby closet by installing shelves that can be used to store canned goods. Install hanging broom and mop holders. Employ hooks, pegboards and Lazy Susans. If your counter space is at a premium, mount some of your small appliances under the cabinets.

4. Toss clutter. Get rid of what is old and what you don't use. Check expiration dates of herbs, yeast, baking powder, etc. Throw out cooking gadgets that are gathering dust. Remove items on counters that don't belong in the kitchen.

5. Organize for maximum efficiency. Place items near each other if they will be used together. If your coffee maker sits on the counter, store the coffee cups, filters and sugar in the cabinet above it.

6. Clean everything. Tackle cabinets, drawers, shelves, countertops, refrigerator, oven, etc. Replace tattered dish towels and torn or worn shelf paper.

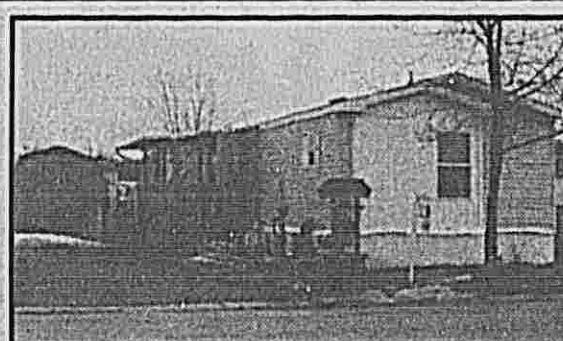
7. Keep out clutter. Since you've spent all that time organizing your kitchen, you'll want to make sure it remains clutter-free. Set aside some time once a month to check for clutter buildup, and spend a few minutes each night putting away anything that doesn't belong in the kitchen.



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Extend gardening season with a backyard greenhouse

Gardeners are known for the creative ways that they extend the gardening season. In the early spring when it's still too cold to plant outdoors, many gardeners jump-start the season by starting seeds indoors. Some gardeners grow their favorite tropical plants in containers, which can be moved outdoors during the summer and back inside in the fall when the chance of overnight frost returns. Others place cold-sensitive plants next to warm, south- or west-facing walls to keep them alive during the winter.

The best way of lengthening the growing season, short of moving to the tropics, is to add a backyard greenhouse, said Bev Perry, president of Adaptive Plastics, Inc., which manufactures the Solexx brand of greenhouses and greenhouse paneling (www.greenhousecatalog.com). A backyard greenhouse enables you to grow plants virtually all year long, and it greatly increases the varieties of plants that you can grow because the growing conditions inside a greenhouse can be kept consistent throughout the year.

Building a greenhouse from the ground up can be a major project that involves major expense. A better option for most backyard gardeners is to purchase a greenhouse kit. Most greenhouse kits contain everything for the finished greenhouse. All you have to do is assemble the greenhouse according to the detailed instructions. A typical greenhouse kit can be assembled by two people during a weekend.

The new Garden Master Greenhouse from Solexx offers all the features an avid gardener could want in a backyard greenhouse. The easy-to-assemble greenhouse kit offers UV certified twin-walled Solexx greenhouse panels for superb light diffusion, an insulated galvanized steel frame for superior strength and built-in ventilation to ensure optimal



growing conditions for all types of plants.

The Garden Master Greenhouse features a gable-style roof to maximize interior headroom and create additional space for hanging plants. This European-style greenhouse has six-foot, six-inch (6' 6") tall outer walls and a gable that peaks at eight feet, nine inches (8' 9") for ample room to trellis plants such as cucumber and tomato.

The unique twin-walled design of Solexx greenhouse paneling makes it far stronger than other greenhouse coverings. Solexx Paneling is a sturdy twin-walled material made from an exclusive formulation of polyethylene that is UV certified and backed by an eight-year warranty.

The air space between the two walls creates a protective insulation barrier that keeps greenhouses much warmer than single-wall or polyethylene film coverings, reducing heating costs.

Plants love the soft, evenly diffused light created by the Solexx greenhouse paneling. The strong, shatter-proof glazing also protects plants from strong winds, snow and other harsh weather conditions.

Four steel-reinforced benches are built into the frame of every Garden Master Greenhouse, two on each side of the 36-inch-wide center aisle. Each of the steel benches can support 500 pounds of plants and growing flats. Two steel-reinforced hanging rods run the length of the greenhouse to maximize the use of the interior space.

The Garden Master Greenhouse is available in four different sizes. The basic model, which is eight feet wide and eight feet long (8' x 8'), sells for \$1,588. The 8' x 12' model sells for \$1,954, the 8' x 16' model sells for \$2,349, and the 8' x 24' model sells for \$3,117. All of these prices include shipping.

For more information about Solexx Greenhouses call 1-800-825-1925 or visit the Web site at www.greenhousecatalog.com.



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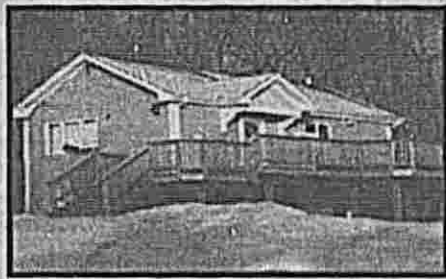
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Healthy soil means happy trees

The Organic Soil Food Web is the new trend in soil care

About 80 percent of problems with plantings originate from the soil, according to The Care of Trees, making it extremely important to get to the root of the problem before it damages your trees. A healthy tree begins with proper soil care to help plants become stronger against certain pest infestations and disease.

A completely organic Soil Food Web (SFW) SoilCare program from The Care of Trees provides property owners with four treatment levels of soil care to help adjust the soil's biology to a more beneficial and environmentally-friendly mixture, or soil food web. This program can be designed to use all natural materials, including compost teas, to provide several benefits over traditional fertilization, such as improving soil structure, cultivating overall tree health and reducing nutrient loss and water usage.

Rather than only focusing on the chemical components of soil, as traditional fertilization does, the SFW SoilCare program focuses on the biological, physical and chemical components of your soil and how to manage them properly. Some programs include an individualized compost tea that

is created by "brewing" organic materials extracted from compost with characteristics similar to the tree's desired soil food web. Tree roots, organic matter and microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi, are all essential in developing the appropriate tea and SoilCare application for your needs.

"Supplying your trees with a regular application of tea brewed from compost materials can proactively help your plant's overall health," stated Dr. Rex Bastian, an entomologist with The Care of Trees. "The SFW SoilCare program focuses on treating the cause of potential problems, versus just the problem."

When you begin a SFW SoilCare program, a certified arborist starts with the option of analyzing your soil to identify the pH level, as well as the amount and variety of microorganisms that are around your trees. They then determine which level of soil care is appropriate for your property needs. Levels of the SoilCare program vary by property needs, but include:

- Level I: Application of liquid fertilizer and natural, organic compounds to improve soil biology and structure.

- Level II: Includes Level I application plus the first surface application of organic compounds to begin supplying desired nutrients.

- Level III: Includes Level I and II applications plus the individualized compost tea, heavily targeting the soil biology.

Changing the biology of the soil is an ongoing process at first, as a series of visits are required to maintain the transition. Arborists need to continue the soil treatments in order to prevent the soil biology from reverting back to its original condition.

To start your organic soil care program, or to learn more about the SFW SoilCare program, contact The Care of Trees at 847-394-4220 or visit www.thecareoftrees.com, click on "Services" and scroll down to "Soil Care."

Headquartered in Wheeling, The Care of Trees, formerly Hendricksen, The Care of Trees, is an award-winning business that provides total tree care for residential, commercial, institutional and municipal properties, and is one of the largest and fastest-growing employee-owned arboriculture firms in the nation.

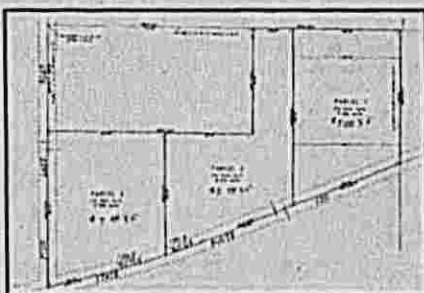


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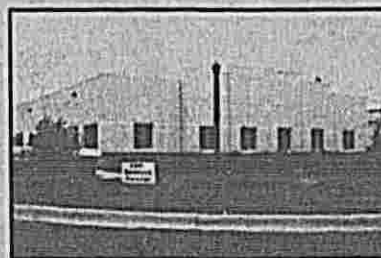
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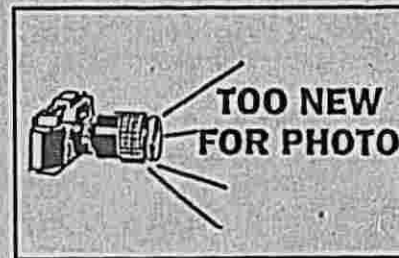
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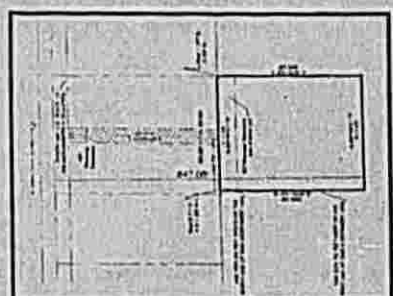
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McHenry

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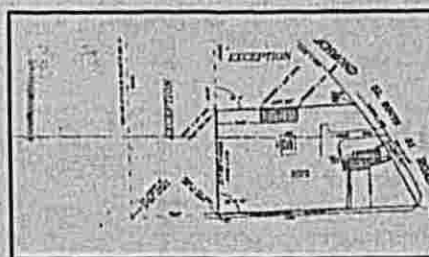
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Spring Grove

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McHenry

Prime corner of Johnsbury Rd. & Rt. 31, 1.77 acres zoned B-2. Stop lighted intersection. Great commercial potential. Have preliminary plans for gas station/retail center.

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McHenry

Old farmhouse just remodeled. 3 BR, 1 bath. 1.75 acres zoned agriculture. 80x40 barn with new metal roof & windows. Great location in Johnsbury.

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McHenry

3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1/2 duplex, nice area. Full basement. Super condition!

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Bring the elements of nature into your home

Comforting, "calming" and "soothing" are words often associated with the colors, textures and patterns found in nature. According to scientists, bringing the elements of nature into your home can enhance your mood, improve your health and boost your energy up to 24 percent.

These nature-inspired tips will help you turn your home into a stress-free haven.

- **Bring the outside in.** Flowers, plants and wood induce the feeling of being close to nature. Mix tall and short plants to create a balanced and natural look. Combine terra cotta and glazed planters with metal plant stands to add variety, texture and height. Choose colorful flowers that appeal to your sense of smell and accent your decor.

- **Increase the amount of natural sunlight in your home.** Scientific reports show that natural light can yield tremendous psychological and physiological benefits. While windows and skylights are commonly used to let sun into the home, replacing solid doors with French-style ones can provide the same effect.

For example, Jeld-Wen's Aurora Simulated Divided Lite doors come in a variety of configurations, allowing you to choose how much light you want to let into your home. The doors replicate the beauty, texture and weight of real wood, but are engineered to resist the effects of water and inclement weather.



Increase the amount of natural sunlight in your home.

- **Decorate with natural accents.** Flooring and window shades made of natural materials such as wood or bamboo can add balance and comfort to your home. Natural stone or faux stone ceramic tiles accented with area rugs in muted, natural colors also will give your home an earthy feel. Look for green, brown and rustic hues in fabrics, prints, rugs and accessories.

- **Incorporate sounds of nature.** This can be accomplished with an indoor water fountain or by simply playing recordings of your favorite nature sounds.

Feng shui brings harmony to your home and life

Sure, you've heard the term feng shui. But do you have any clue what it is? "Feng" and "shui" are two Chinese words. Feng means wind and shui is water. Together, they make feng shui, pronounced "fung shway," a discipline based on the analysis of energy. It examines how the placement of objects in an environment affect the energy flow in your home. How you place your furniture, possessions and yourself within your home promotes balance, comfort and harmony in your health, relationships, work and other aspects of your life. To attain feng shui in your home:

- Positioning is crucial. Do not hang a chandelier above a chair. Don't put a sofa or bed under a beam.
- A home should be level on the ground. A sunken room lets positive energy flow down and get trapped.
- Objects or furniture with sharp edges should not "point" into a seating space.
- Outdoor pathways from the front to the back of your home should be curved and not in a direct line. Develop curved lines with a birdbath, fountain, small pond or garden bed.
- Entranceways are an important component of feng shui — doorways can't be too large or too small. Counter large doorways by placing a windchime outside the door. Place a mirror on either side of a small door to fix this problem.
- Stairways that bend sharply are viewed as problematic in feng shui. Alleviate this problem with windchimes, potted plants and screens.



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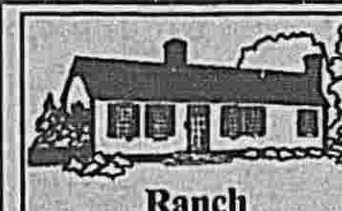


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2 story home, 1 block from lake! Four bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage.

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Ranch

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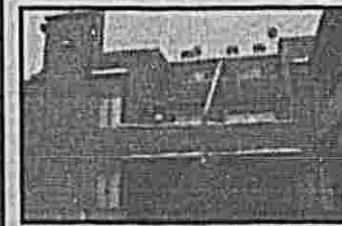


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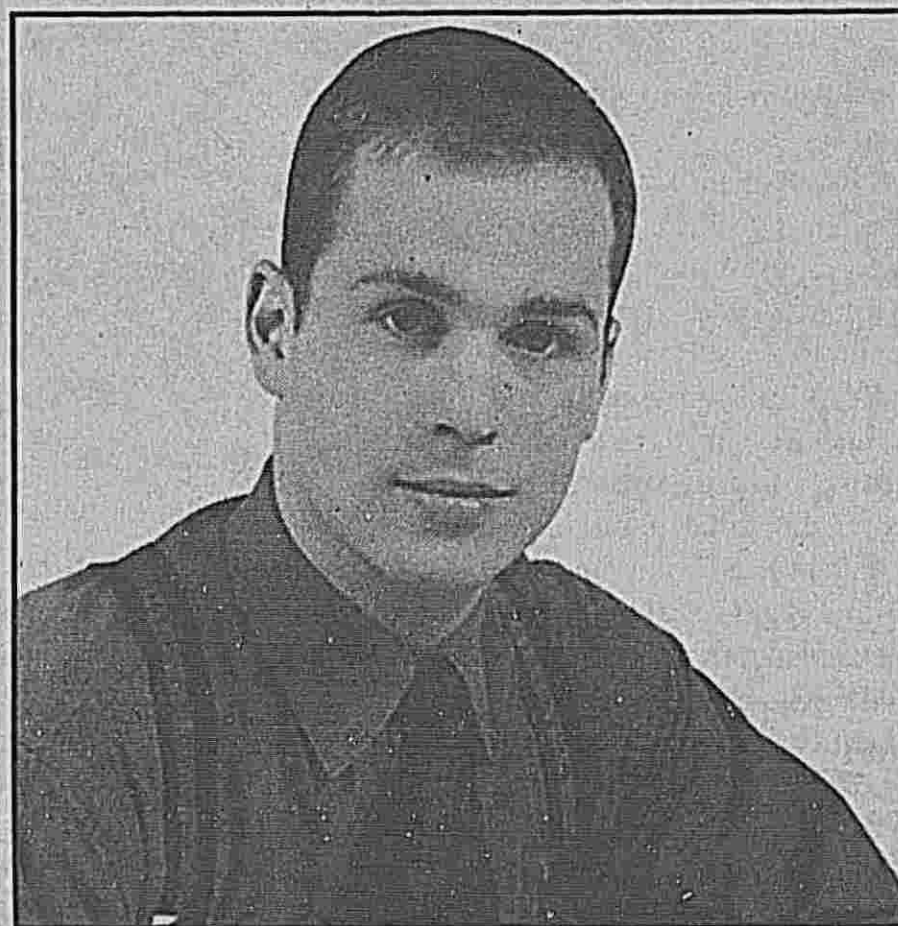
This home has 2 very spacious bedrooms. Big living room. This Cape Cod has a lot more space than it seems!

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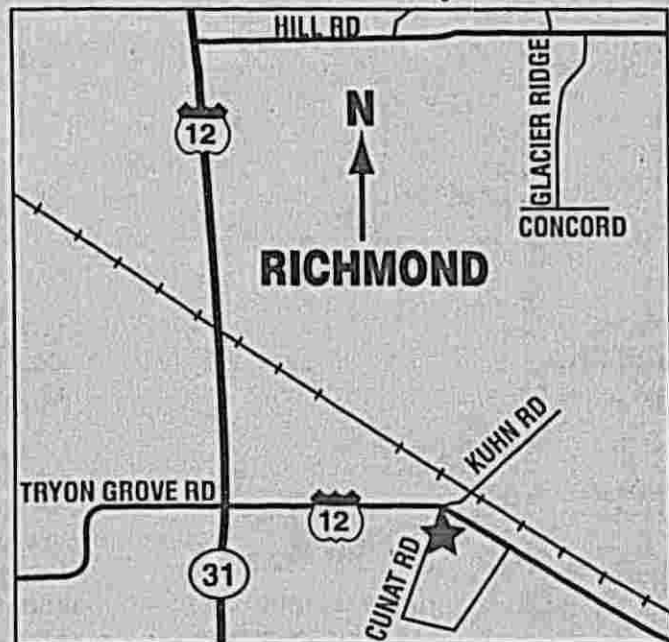
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'What is your favorite part of March Madness and who will win?'



JOHN LEHMANN
Wauconda

"I like seeing the upsets. (I think) Illinois will win. They had a couple close scares but I think they're gonna be alright."



PATTY SAWIN
Gurnee

"The excitement, because my money and my son go to the University of Illinois, so Illini all the way."



JOHN JENNINGS
Libertyville

"I just love the level of competition. I think the Illini will win."



STEVE STAGG
Lake Zurich

"Just the excitement that Illinois is still in it. I think Illinois is going to take it this year."



TRACY HENKEL
Antioch

"I don't know anything about it because I haven't been paying any attention."



CHUCK MORENSON
Wauconda

"The betting, Illinois (will win) easily, hands down."

BUZZ OFF



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Ellen Nudo, from Wauconda, grimaces while her father-in-law John Nudo, from Schaumburg, shaves off what was shoulder length hair during the St. Baldrick's event at the Gurnee American Legion Hall. Through St. Baldrick's head shaving event, approximately 110 people shaved their heads to raise over \$35,000 for child cancer research.

'Light year' for roadwork

16 projects for upcoming months

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

Lake County residents may be prone to fewer delays in the coming months, as the Lake County Division of Transportation will have a relatively light construction season this year.

Only 16 "significant" new projects are scheduled to begin in the upcoming months, said assistant county engineer Al Giertych. Those projects only include ones under the responsibility of the Lake County Division of Transportation. State funded projects on state highways, such as those on Routes 120, 45 and 21 are not included in the newly announced list.

The projects, which include intersection improvements, bridge replacements and large amount of resurfacing, will come out to a cost of about \$14 million.

The biggest projects slated are in south central Lake County.

Intersection improvement at Buffalo Grove Road and Route 45 and an intersection realignment at Buffalo Grove Road and Port Clinton/Prairie Roads are expected to cost \$5 million total.

The construction will close parts or all of the intersections for more than a year. Costs are being shared by the state.

Resurfacing of county roads will by far be the most popular type of project and nearly 11 miles of county roads will be redone. Included in the resurfacing are parts of Cuba Road, Grass Lake Road, Hawley Street and York House Road.

Resurfacing is done periodically, Giertych said. The county attempts to resurface roads before the work is really needed, so that it's easier to do.

If caught early, a rough road can be brought back to near-new conditions, Giertych said. All resurfacing projects are expected to begin in June.

The county is also planning three bridge replacement projects. Hunt Club Road at Mill Creek, Kelsey Road at Flint Creek and Millburn Road at Mill Creek will all have bridgework

The LCDOT also plans on wrapping up the five projects along Washington Street and Rollins Road in central Lake County later this year'

done. The three projects are estimated to cost \$1 million, \$1.3 million and \$1.1 million respectively.

The bridges will be completely replaced by closing down one lane at a time and installing temporary traffic signals, Giertych said. All three projects are set to start by September, and will be complete by mid-2006.

The LCDOT also plan on wrapping up the five projects along Washington Street and Rollins Road in central Lake County later this year, according to Giertych.

A complete list of county planned projects is available at the Division of Transportation's Web site, www.co.lake.il.us/dot.

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Dream of becoming a citizen could be reality

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

A new state program may help thousands of county residents to find their rightful responsibilities and homes in American society.

Led by ChildServ in Lake County, the New Americans Initiative is a public-private partnership that assists legal permanent residents in seeking U.S. citizenship. Immigrants may receive help in beginning the naturalization process and take workshops to help them prepare for the naturalization exam, at costs far below what prospective citizens must typically pay.

ChildServ currently helps approximately 1,500 clients, and the agency hopes to increase that number by 1,000 people seeking citizenship each year, said director of marketing and communications Gwendolyn McNutt. Within the last month, more than 125 county residents have sought help from the initiative, a public-private partnership of the Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and several organizations from throughout the state.

Those residents took part in the citizenship workshop held at Waukegan's Daniel Webster Middle School on Feb. 26, when volunteers provided them free advice and help in filling out the correct application paperwork. Leaders from several civic groups hosted a breakfast briefing in Gurnee to further promote the initiative on March 18.

"A lot of times, there's a language barrier and people have been taken advantage of when applying for citizenship," said McNutt, who added that this effort marks the first time that ChildServ has received the resources to serve so many residents.

"Especially in the Waukegan

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A groundbreaking day for CLC

Southlake Education Center breaks ground on 49,000-foot expansion, future as college campus

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

A cold, gray spring day was not going to put a damper on the celebration outside the College of Lake County's Southlake Educational Center, at 1120 S. Milwaukee Ave. in Vernon Hills, March 22.

CLC and Vernon Hills officials, along with other members of the southern Lake County community, gathered in a tent outside of the college to break ground for the new 49,029-square-foot Educational and Classroom Building that will be added on to the school's existing 16,269-square-foot building.

"We planned this and kept looking at the weather forecast and we just knew we were going to have a sunny day today until yesterday when they started talking about the wind and the temperature," CLC President Gretchen Naff said. "(But) it's going to be a fun day even if the weather's not totally cooperating."

It would take more than bad weather to diminish the spirits of those involved in the new building.

CLC purchased the site in 1998 and opened the existing Southlake building the following year. But, Naff said the college always had a dream to build the larger facility as well, which will allow CLC to expand its course offerings.

The expansion will also earn the college's Southlake branch campus status in the near future, giving students the opportunity to earn an Associate Arts Degree entirely at the Southlake Educational Center.

The new \$13.89 million building will include six general classrooms, 11 computer

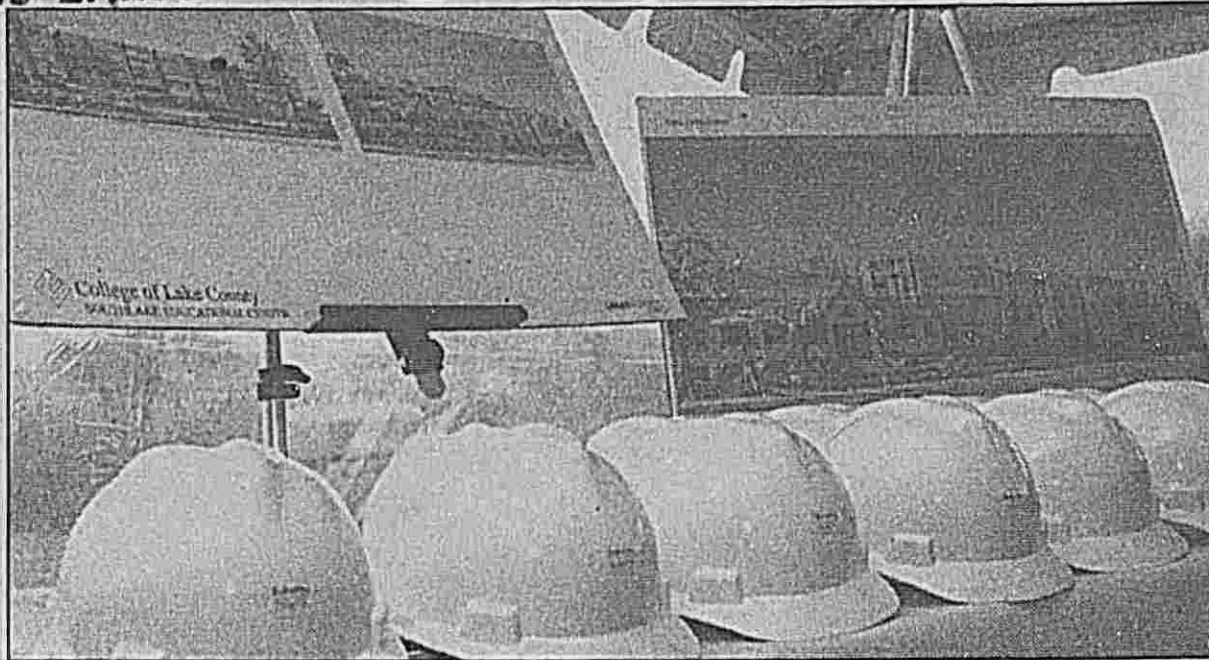


Photo by John Dickson

Behind the construction helmets sit the artists' renditions of the multi-million dollar South Lake Education Center that is to be built for the College of Lake County.

'We're looking forward to the day when we're not only just digging through the permafrost but actually walking through the structure itself'

Wendy Brown

CLC Faculty Senate chair

laboratories, a science laboratory, a child-care center, a bookstore, a learning resource center and a conference room.

"The importance of these additions is they will enhance student learning," Naff said.

The existing Southlake building currently holds 11 classrooms, including four computer laboratories. The new building will connect with the current facility.

CLC Board of Trustees Chairman William Griffin said the new addition would also allow the college to extend its offerings in selected career programs such as English as Second Language (ESL) classes, non-credit

courses for seniors and training for business and industry.

"I think of all the working adult students who will appreciate the convenience of being able to enhance their job skills by attending classes at this location at night," he said. "Or the new immigrants who will have access to ESL and the opportunity to open the door to the American dream; or small businesses that are themselves unable to provide training for the employees but can take advantage of the colleges workforce development programs."

Wendy Brown, who is the chair of the CLC Faculty Senate, said several teachers at the Southlake Educational Center expressed the need for increased facilities.

She said she was excited for the groundbreaking ceremony, but was especially anticipating the doors to the new facility actually opening.

"We're looking forward to the day when we're not only just digging through the permafrost but actually walking through the structure itself," Brown said.

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State budget would close UCLC site

The University Center of Lake County faces a \$1.6 million budget gap that would prevent opening its new \$24.7 million Grayslake campus, if the Illinois General Assembly adopts the fiscal year 2006 budget currently under review. The proposed budget does not include funding needed to open the new 90,000-square foot facility, UCLC officials said.

At its March 23 meeting, the University Center Governing Board considered options for dealing with a proposed state budget that provides no increase over the existing \$1 million budget, according to Executive Director and Dean G. Gary Grace.

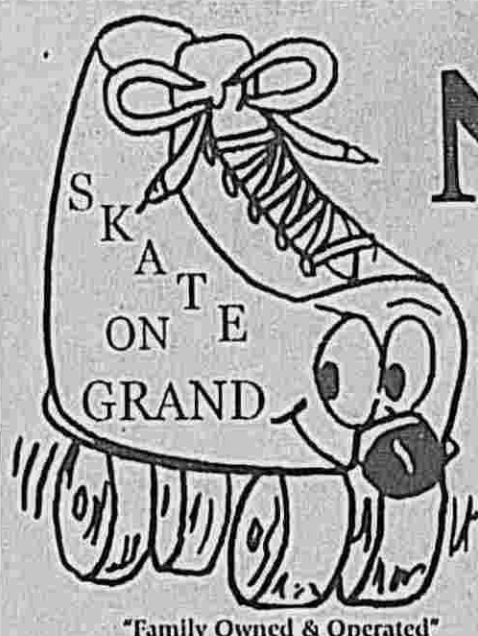
"If the General Assembly adopts that budget, the board will be forced to mothball the new facility in Grayslake slated for completion in June," said Governing Board Chair Bryan J. Watkins. "It would be irresponsible of the board to ignore the possibility of mothballing the facility for at least a year, given the present budget situation facing the University Center."

"Student demand for University Center courses has increased greatly over the past seven years," Grace said. "We need to open the Grayslake facility so working people who would not otherwise be able travel to remote campuses can continue their education."

Board Vice-chair Jim LaBelle added, "It took a great deal of cooperation and \$24.7 million contributed by the State, Lake County, federal government and College of Lake County to create the University Center. To now fail to provide the additional \$1.6 million to open the Grayslake facility would be a tragic waste of those resources."

Funding for the new University Center facility at Grayslake is included in budget recommendations approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, but is not incorporated in the budget proposed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

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College set to host 2-day gender conference

The Women's Center at the College of Lake County will host its third annual gender conference on April 15-16 at its Grayslake campus. The conference, titled "Doing Gender ... Better: Rethinking Our Roles in Family, Work, Education and the Media," focuses on ways to move from limitation to balance and renewal, celebrating positive aspects of roles while creating opportunities for challenge and change.

The two-day event will feature two keynote speakers and students and staff from CLC and other colleges, who will address such topics as gender differences in parenting, women redefining mid life, women writers, gender crossing, female empowerment and more.

The conference begins with registration at 10:30 a.m. on April 15 in the lower level

atrium/lounge of the C Wing, outside the C005 auditorium. A luncheon at 11 a.m. will feature entertainment by Diamana Diya, an African drumming group. A keynote address on "Women Networking" will follow at 11:45 a.m. by Dr. Daisy Anderson-Brooks, founder and director of Daisy's Resource and Development Center.

In the afternoon, participants may attend three different seminars that begin at 12:45, 2:10 and 3:35 p.m. At 12:45 p.m., participants may choose from "Gender Crossing," "Women Voicing Resistance," or "Women's Health Workshop" during block one; choices for block two are "Gender and Superhero Comics" or "Gender Representation and the Media, Part 1" at 2:10 p.m.; and "Gender Representation and the Media, Part 2" or "Gender and Trauma" dur-

ing block three from 3:35 to 4:50 p.m.

The day's events will conclude with a reception from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and a multimedia presentation by filmmaker Dr. Vicki Callahan, of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, called "Romance from Wedded Bliss to the Breakup Blues."

The conference will continue on April 16, with brunch at 9:30 a.m., featuring musical entertainment by the CLC Singers, directed by Dr. C. Charles Clency. The keynote speaker will be Maria Lissandrello, editor of "First for Women Magazine." Her topic will be "Outsmarting the Imposter Syndrome" from 10-11 a.m. Block four sessions at 11:15 a.m. will include "Gender, Parenting and Family" or a literary performance of "Coming of

Springtime" by the Tall Grass Writers Guild. Block five begins at 12:40 p.m. with "Women Redefining Mid Life Workshop" or "Gender and Health Awareness."

The conference is open to the public. If you register before April 4, the fee is \$75 for both days, \$50 for Friday only or \$30 for Saturday only. CLC faculty and staff rates are \$65 for both days, \$45 for Friday only or \$20 for Saturday only. The fee for students is \$25 for both days, \$15 for Friday only or \$10 for Saturday only. After April 4 and at the door, the registration fees are \$5 higher.

For more information, call the Women's Center at 847-543-2771, or e-mail WomCen@clcollinois.edu. Forms are available at www.yyz.clcollinois.edu/womenscenter.

ALOOKBACK

Lake County history from the Lakeland Archives



Angela Beltchenko, 13, Libertyville, stretches out before a dance concert during "A Classic Experience" at Dancecenter North in Libertyville during March, 1995.

10 YEARS AGO • 1995

A Wadsworth teen was a prime suspect in a plot to kill his father in Wisconsin. The teen faced charges of burglary and attempted murder in connection with a new gang in Kenosha. The teen was captured in Deerfield.

Six Libertyville High School students were arrested after a teacher at the school noticed two students exchange a small amount of cannabis on school grounds. School officials planned on meeting to decide if they would expel or suspend the students.

After nearly two months, Lake County Sheriff's officer finally identified the remains of the missing women.

A proposal to expand Lake Zurich Theaters to 13 screens was denied by the village board. The expansion would have added the largest cinema in Lake County.

15 YEARS AGO • 1990

A group of nearly 200 people were

spending countless hours a week going door to door in Gurnee to spread the word on District 56's upcoming referendum. The district was seeking a .75 increase in the education fund.

As unseasonably warm temperatures hit the area, officials in Fox Lake were closed monitoring the lake levels. With the ground still frozen, all excess water was going into the lakes and causing the McHenry dam to back up.

25 YEARS AGO • 1980

Lake County sheriff's deputies and Chicago police cooperated in a raid of a farmhouse on Chardon Road in Fremont Township that resulted in the confiscation of \$500,000 worth of drugs.

Confiscated in the raid were 1.5 pounds of cocaine, 150 pounds of marijuana, 100 ounces of hash oil and quantities of LSD.

Compiled by Nicholas Alajakis

Forest preserve's vice president is honored

Pam Newton (D-Vernon Hills), vice president of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, was recognized for her efforts to promote and improve forest preserves, conservation areas and public parks in Lake County, and throughout the state and country.

A proclamation honoring Newton was presented by Forest Preserve President Bonnie Thomson Carter (R-Ingleside) at the March 18 meeting of the Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners.

Newton was newly elected in January 2005 to the position of chairman of the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) to provide leadership to that important statewide organization during the coming year, and as the first Forest Preserve District or Conservation District Board Member to ever hold the post of IAPD board chairman.



NEWTON

"Pam has made many lasting personal and policy contributions at the local, county, regional and state levels in support of parks, recreation, conservation and the environment," Carter said. "She has diligently represented the Forest Preserve District and its mission."

Newton is also ending four years of service as the elected President of the Illinois Association

of Conservation and Forest Preserve Districts, during which time she successfully led legislative and other cooperative efforts to defend and benefit the efforts of conservation and forest preserve districts.

The proclamation also recognized her leadership roles regarding conservation and environmental issues within the National Association of Counties and the National Recreation and Park Association.

County forms a new crisis intervention team

The Lake County Sheriff's Office, the Deerfield Police Department, the Gurnee Police Department, the Lake Zurich Police Department and the Waukegan Police Department announced the formation of the Lake County Crisis Intervention Team.

Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) are police-based programs that began in Memphis, Tenn. in 1988. CIT teams are innovative programs utilizing the resources of both law enforcement agencies and the community to achieve the common goals of safety, understanding, and service to the mentally ill and their families. Crisis Intervention Teams provide an immediate and effective response, by specially trained officers, to individuals experiencing mental illness who may be in a crisis. Several of the local team's trainers are staff from the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center's Behavior Health Services.

The Lake County CIT Task Force, which is composed of representatives from each of the member law enforcement agencies as well as area mental health service providers and advocacy organizations, has been developing the area team for the past several months.

The team will be implemented immediately after the 40-hour training, which concluded on March 18.

Lake County is one of several communities participating in a statewide CIT initiative sponsored and funded by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB). The ILETSB is the state agency responsible for promoting and maintaining a high level of training and professional standards for law enforcement and correctional officers.

The graduation for the first class of Lake County CIT Officers was last week.

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Highway work will benefit all

There is a major exception to the old saying that "Everyone pays taxes, but not everyone benefits." The exception is our public highway system which everyone uses sooner or later or at least can access. Because roads benefit everyone, we recommend strongly a "yes" vote Tuesday, April 5 on the question to collect an additional half cent sales tax on sales made in Lake County. Voter approval will trigger an investment over the next 10 years of approximately a half billion dollars. Highway improvements growing out of the success of the tax increase question will go a long way toward reducing traffic gridlock and improving our quality of life.

The Lake County Road Improvement Plan if enacted by majority vote April 5 will bring 36 miles of road widening, 33 major intersection improvements, and 109 signal upgrades and synchronizations throughout the county. Political leaders and engineers have crafted a program that virtually touches every part of the county.

For years we have heard complaints about lack of highway planning and "why doesn't the county do something?" In fairness, highway engineers always are planning for the future. Few public officials do more planning and know more about the future than transportation professionals. The fact of the matter is that growth and development has overtaken the planners. Public funding for highway improvements is woefully short of needs.

That can be overcome, in part, if Lake County voters go to the polls and endorse the half cent sales tax increase for road improvements. One of the interesting things about the Road Improvement Plan is that officials are telling in advance where money will be spent. Voters know what they'll be getting. Sadly, that can't be said with certainty when other units of local government ask for more of your tax dollars.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vote yes April 5

Why say YES to the Mundelein High School District 120 referendum questions? Because they will enhance the quality of education for our children, that's why. One question will fund much needed remodeling and construction at the school. The second is for a reserve fund that will save money. The third also saves money by refinancing outstanding debt. All three are sound financial decisions. Each benefits the education of our children in a different way. District 120 has not had a referendum since 1995. Fact, last year District 120 spending per student went down. Fact, last year District 120 passed a balanced budget requirement. Fact, voting yes will not raise your taxes!

Don't wait for the second or third referendum to decide that these issues are important enough to pass, after all. That could be after an outstanding music program has fallen into decline because of poor facilities, after wasting tens of thousands of dollars paying higher interest loans or after cutting teachers and programs. Each one of these questions is a sound, logical business decision that also benefits our children.

Steve Lardner
Mundelein



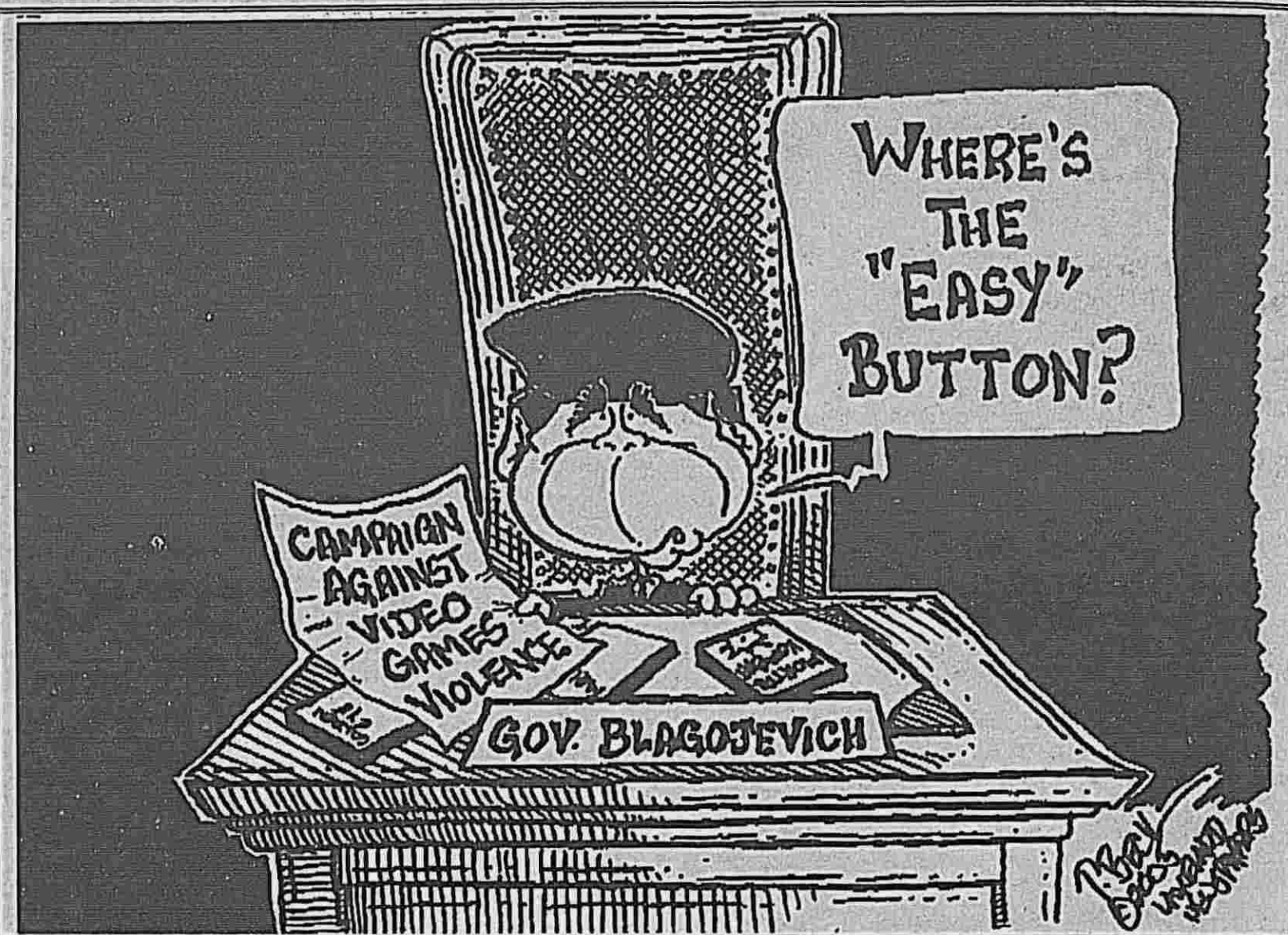
SEEING IT THROUGH

John
Matijevich

Thomas Jefferson said, "If it were up to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter." His quotation does not demean the role of government, but meant to emphasize that government without a free press becomes a powerful, autocratic government.

People can lose their freedoms, even in democracies, when governments become so powerful that they manage the news. Given that the media has never been popular with the people, that may be hard for many to swallow, but they must understand that when any government controls everything, including the press, the people become subservient to government. When people in a democracy lose their freedoms, everything else goes.

I don't judge the media by whether it comes from the left or it comes from the right, in political parlance. I judge whatever it does, it does, and gets it, right. There was a time when reporters could sip a cup of coffee with a government official, but if that official mishandled his public responsibilities two hours later, that reporter was dutifully bound to report it. That is the way that it should be.



VIEWPOINT

It's a cake walk for 16 mayors



Bill Schroeder

Publisher

Yogi Berra wasn't thinking about politics when he intoned one of his famed "Yogisms" about "It ain't over until it's over." On the municipal front in Lake County, for practical purposes the election is over in balloting for 16 uncontested mayoral positions.

Really.

A near record level of "why bother?" elections will be conducted Tuesday, April 5, because no one bothered to challenge the incumbent or the lone filer for the position of chief executive in the following communities:

Bannockburn, Hawthorn Woods, Indian Creek, Kildeer, Lake Barrington, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Lake Zurich, Libertyville, Mettawa, North Barrington, North Chicago, Old Mill Creek,

Round Lake Heights, Tower Lakes and Vernon Hills.

Not exactly a list of Third World enclaves with strong man rule where the democratic process is winked at and rubber-stamp elections are by design.

The reasons for lack of competition run from total satisfaction on the part of voters to abject apathy. In the case of North Chicago, Leon Rockingham will roll into office unopposed because electors are just plain worn out after four turbulent years of Bette Thomas.

Mundelein industrialist Barry MacLean is being returned to the mayor's post in tiny Mettawa because he runs a tight ship and voters like things on the quiet side in their upscale community.

That's the case in the

Barrington area once characterized by political writer and College of Lake County political scientist John Steinke as the "mink and manure" set. Electors want peace and quiet in that corner of the county and they expect their village executives to conduct themselves out of the limelight.

Lake Villa Township Supervisor Dan Venturi, himself running for reelection unopposed, confessed that he still finds himself "looking over his shoulder" to make certain his lone candidacy isn't a mirage. Venturi is practical enough to realize that an old-fashioned election with at least two candidates squaring off at least shows where everyone stands. But that might be a minority view.

Don't get the idea that

April 5 will be a dull day. Voter turnout will be spiked in many areas because of spirited competition. Like Ela Township (Lake Zurich) where a record number of candidates are running for trustee (15), there are four candidates for supervisor and three persons running for town clerk. No wonder the Lake Zurich village election is quiet. Anyone with a yen for public office is running in the township.

There are all sorts of reasons people run for public office, but the reason offered by William Enriquez, candidate for one of two directorships for the Fox Waterway Management Agency, is weird. If elected, Enriquez says he'll be closer to his ex-wife, who is executive director of the agency.

COMMENTARY

Political payola—Merits Congressional investigation

There have been some disturbing things that have happened in the press in recent years which is causing it to lose its credibility. It comes in what some call the "left, or liberal, media" and in what some call the "right, or conservative," media. So, the criticisms are across the board.

What is even more disturbing to me is that the most recent criticisms seem to disclose a relationship with some in the media where the government appears to be "managing the news." That is dangerous enough, but what is even more revolting is that taxpayer dollars may have been used, in significant amounts, to "pay off" media people to slant the news. "Political payola" is much more damaging than the "payola of the past."

In the 1950s, the term "payola" spread over our TV sets as Congress held hearings which revealed that TV quiz shows rigged their shows so that certain contestants were "fed the right answers and won big monies so that they would return week after week on the shows." A few years later, the "payola scandal" hit the radio music programs when "disc jockeys" accepted large contributions to play certain songs over the airwaves.

The first "political payola" was revealed early this year

when it was disclosed that Armstrong Williams, a popular radio commentator was paid \$241,000 by the U. S. Education Department, the money funneled through a public relations firm. The contract was to hype the No Child Left Behind Law on the airwaves; of course, during the election season. Williams never publicly disclosed that he received that amount of money from the government, and has since acknowledged that he should have done so.

It has since been revealed that other federal agencies paid amounts of public funds to promote federal programs and the media personnel involved also failed to disclose that they received public funds for their work. When you consider that \$88 million was spent last year by the government on public relations contracts as compared to \$37 million the first year of President Bush's term, you wonder if there were more of these "media sweetheart deals" floating beneath the tip of the iceberg.

What bothers me about this government "meddling in the media" so much is that I believe that when the public hears or views something in the media, it must be a report

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PARTY LINES

Elman's running, but unannounced

Sharyn Elman still has a taste for politics. She is an unannounced candidate for state representative from the 62nd District which includes parts of Gurnee, Third Lake, Grayslake, Hainesville and parts of the Round Lake area.

A Democrat, Elman has her campaign team intact. She's remaining active in party affairs and attending public events in the district represented by veteran Republican **Bob Churchill**. "I'm ready to go," the Gurnee resident declared.

Formerly a cable news anchor and now a self-employed public relations professional, Elman pushed hard in her first attempt to gain public office, showing surprising strength in the 2004 general election.

Elman, 45, is a native of Skokie. With solid union support, Elman had no problem raising money. She's not talking 2006 campaign strategy, just making sure she's keeping up with issues and being seen in public.

Running with a smile

Hainesville Mayor **Ted Mueller** combined humor and political reality as he officiated at the dedication of a new village hall. "I'm mayor of Hainesville," he introduced himself. "At least until April 5." Mueller, 80, a retired Navy enlisted man, is being challenged by Michael J. Benko, but is favored for re-election to head Lake County's oldest incorporated municipality.



Elman: Charting course for another try for Legislature.



Mueller: Unfazed by foe for re-election on April 5.

Kirk promoted

Congressman **Mark Kirk** (10th-IL) is a brand new commander in the Navy Reserve, his promotion being effective Feb. 1, according to Navy records. The North Shore lawmaker is one of the few members of Congress with military experience.

Supports road tax

Buffalo Grove Mayor **Elliott Hartstein** is maintaining the stance of his predecessors in advocating a strong transportation infrastructure. Hartstein calls the Lake County Road Improvement Referendum April 5 "one election away from congestion relief."

Hartstein said the approval of an additional half cent in sales tax is a small price to pay to help put an end to traffic congestion. Previous

Buffalo Grove mayors endorsed construction of the controversial extension of Rte. 53.

Mike backs Betty

Despite ill health, former Libertyville Township Supervisor **R.T. "Mike" Graham** keeps tab on local politics to the point of announcing an endorsement of his successor, Betty-Ann-Moore. Graham said Moore is doing a good job in carrying on with two of his pet projects, the township Open Space program and meeting public assistance needs for food, hosing and clothing. Moore was appointed supervisor when Graham resigned for health reasons.

Difficult Deal

Carl Deal, one of three candidates for mayor of Grayslake, has denounced what he considers "pressure" from opponents being put on his friends and supporters because of their political beliefs. Deal said he is "truly sorry" that their support has put them in an uncomfortable situation. Some of Deal's opponents said he is playing the "victim card" to gain sympathy.

Long memory

One-time mayor of Island Lake **Al Schmidt**, who served more than two decades ago, is supporting his successor, **Charles "Chuck" Amrich**, for Wauconda Township supervisor. The respected west

Lake County political leader said Amrich has the "compassion and know how" to cope with the stressful situations of the office. Besides endorsing the Amrich slate, Schmidt also praised retiring Supervisor **Jim Keagle** for releasing memos in line with Illinois Open Meetings Act legalities that show Keagle's efforts to cut administrative costs and focus on public assistance.

Going to the mat

Larry TenPas fondly tells about his experience as a high school and college wrestler. "It taught me about winning and losing," exclaims TenPas, who faces an uphill battle as a Republican unseating incumbent Waukegan Mayor **Dick Hyde** on April 5. TenPas won a flock of honors on the mat and he also has a long record of victories as an alderman.

Gurnee 'divided'

Suzie Studebaker, former employee of the Village of Gurnee who lost her job because of differences with Mayor **Don Rudny** and Trustee **Tom Chamberlain**, still isn't intimidated by them. Now a resident of Palm Harbor, FL, Studebaker has been writing letters and sending back word to counteract what she considers Rudny's and Chamberlain's "negativity" about Gurnee. Studebaker says she is dismayed that what was once a "great place to live and raise a family" has now become a divided city with political factions out to get anyone who doesn't agree with them.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Not legitimate

Concerned Taxpayers, chaired by Shawn Depke, fancies its anti-referendum rhetoric as a moral crusade demanding fiscal responsibility, transparency and integrity of community organizations like the District 56 School Board. Claiming to hold the community's best interests at heart, Mr. Depke demanded the resignation of the entire school board (including the superintendent, Dr. Ben Martindale) at last month's school board meeting. The mayor of Gurnee, Don Rudny, called his request absurd. And, of course, he was right.

Not surprisingly, Concerned Taxpayers, while demanding fairness in the business of educating our children, takes no responsibility for the inflammatory and misleading campaign it conducted throughout the months leading up to the Feb. 22 referendum. Its large Vote No! postcard displayed a litany of inaccurate information, gave an abandoned storefront as its return address and omitted mentioning who paid for it; no phone number, of course, was provided. One wonders just how Mr. Depke's organization bypasses the State Board of Elections regulations i.e., required registration for expenses related to political purposes exceeding \$3,000 over a 12-month period. In any regard, his unethical practices effectively discredit him as a viable source of reliable information.

There are legitimate arguments for and against any proposed tax referendum. A word to voters seriously debating the issue: Concerned Taxpayers is not a legitimate source of information on this all-important issue facing our community once again on April 5.

Noel Calhoun
Gurnee

Break from past

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. So wrote the great philosopher George Santayana in 1905, and his words offer guidance for District 46 School board election 100 years later.

Why would anyone choose to repeat the failed

policies of our previous administration and school board? Are we condemned to repeat a cycle of fiscal crises on an annual basis, a shortened school day, program cuts, declining test scores, and a divided community?

There is a clear alternative. We need to break from the past, and elect new, independent board members who can offer us a fresh approach, and conduct the business of our district with respect, integrity, and sanity. The candidates that meet this description are Jill Rohrer, Kristen Peek, Karen Weinert, and Mark Hannan.

On the other side of this issue is the old guard, led by long-term board member Ursula Ahern. Those with good memories may remember that Ahern's claim to fame was introducing Dr. Spady and outcome based education to our district a few years back. Ahern is joined by John Puccio, who spearheaded the district's finance committee that rubber-stamped the program cuts and the shortened school day plan. Their ticket is rounded out by candidates Larrabee and Pearlstein, who have similarly never wavered in their support for the policies of the previous administration. There has got to be a better way. On this election, let's remember the past, and let's not condemn ourselves to repeat it. Choose the final four.

Stuart N. Rappaport,
Grayslake

Tax fighter

On April 5, residents of Warren Township High School District have the opportunity to elect a proven tax fighter.

Rich Conley has consistently demonstrated through his efforts and actions that he understands the residents in this community are overtaxed. Rich has fought many referendum efforts, he has been on the frontline of fighting corruption, and he has protected the citizens from unnecessary tax increases.

In February 2003, Rich helped fight a \$7.5 million dollar increase attempted by Warren. Evidence now shows that the school didn't need one penny of the \$7.5 million and doesn't need an increase until

2007 or later. This would have been an almost \$40 million dollar increase in taxes over 5 years, for no reason.

During 2004, Rich Conley was instrumental in uncovering financial improprieties at WTHS. Public money placed into Student Activity Accounts was being misused by some within the school administration. After Rich fought for an independent investigation for 8 months, the School Board agreed to investigate the problem. The investigation proved that Rich was correct and that student activity money was misused by at least one of our administrators for his own personal use.

Mike Amrozowicz
Gurnee

Hurtful opposition

When we moved to District 56 five years ago from Southern California, our public education experience would begin with our five year old starting kindergarten. Needless to say, being located in a supreme school district was at the top of our priority list. We accomplished this by moving into a neighborhood whose property taxes participated in District 56!!

Something that slightly surprised us, though, was what we were going to have to pay out in property taxes on the house that we found. In California our property tax bill was half of what it was going to be here in Illinois, but we also learned very quickly that this is the nature of most of the communities in Lake County.

We got over the shock and embraced our decision, because the bottom line was, exceptional schools in an exceptional school district, filled with exceptional personnel.

High property taxes are not a new thing to our community. Neither is the fact that a portion of property tax payments support the schools in Illinois. No one was forced to buy within this community. Something about living here must have been attractive enough for you to overlook, at the time of purchase, what your tax bill was going to be. Whatever it was, it seems that now the only recourse individuals feel they have to stop their bill from increasing, is to vote against the schools. Well stop it, you are only hurting yourselves (house values) and the future generations (children) of this area.

Find a way to adjust your budget accordingly for a very worthwhile investment!! That worthwhile investment happens to be children and your home.

Lynn Grenie
Wadsworth

Stop using children

A warm welcome to our new District 46 superintendent, Ellen Robinson-Correlle, who starts with us July 1 this year. We are looking so forward to her future good leadership. Today myself and several concerned parents and citizens filed with the State Attorney's office a petition pertaining to an ethics violation relative to our present administration and the use of school taxpayer dollars to provide political marketing for the tax increase referendum. The administration knows that this is not proper per Illinois law and violates our district's own ethics policy.

They have been warned in the past yet have chosen to ignore it. Many concerned parents and citizens do not appreciate the use of their children

and their backpacks as carriers for this sort of political marketing information.

This really is a shame because a lot of hard-working volunteers have put in a lot of time on the referendum committee, yet this current Administration continues gaming with our elections in violation of state and district statutes.

It is our hope that with our new leadership we can be talking about rising test scores instead of yet another election year of interference by our administration. I respectfully ask that this board elect a commission per board policy to take appropriate action and give our kids and our community a fair shake. Thank you.

As I understand the articles that were written in the local paper, it would appear that they have made this out to be a personal attack, not true. My point is why are they using our children and their school backpacks to get a political message out? If they are not doing it as they claim than who is? Does someone other than an employee of District 46 have access to our kids and their backpacks in today's world? What else might someone send home with our children? Some have said that I am trying to divert from the issues. The truth is our children are the real issue here. We need to get back to the democracy that our great country stands for and stop using our children to influence the issues.

Shawn Oakley
Grayslake

Thanks Legion

I attended the American Legion dinner and it was a delightful evening with good food and good company. As a village trustee and an involved citizen, I want to congratulate the American Legion on celebrating their 60th anniversary of service to the veterans of Gurnee. I continue to be impressed by the dedication and energy exemplified by the Gurnee American Legion members. They should be proud of their accomplishments to our country and know that our community is grateful to them. Again, congratulations on your 60th anniversary and I wish you all the best for the next 60!

Kristina Kovarik
Gurnee Village Trustee
Gurnee

Sick of bashing

I am sick of Joyce Frayer's political bashing. Back when Joyce Frayer was mayor of Lake Villa, we had nothing. The town looked like a slum. Here is a list of what Lake Villa didn't have:

Parades, Easter egg hunts, concerts, fireworks, a train station, parks and recreational, baseball fields, a historical society. Lehmann Mansion wasn't used and looked terrible. Lehmann Park wasn't as beautiful as it is today.

We had nothing. Do we really want to go back to that? I say no. With Joyce Frayer we had nothing. With Mayor Frank Loffredo we do. Children are more involved instead of being on the streets and causing trouble. Yes, I agree growth needs to be controlled, what we need is more businesses to take the burden off taxpayers.

Let's get out and vote on April 5 for a person who cares about this town. Re-elect Mayor Frank Loffredo.

K. Geenther
Lake Villa

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COMMENTARY

from the media. I realize that much of what any governmental unit "feeds the press" has a "spin or slant" to it, favorable to that agency of government. But, the media has the right, duty, and responsibility to assemble and report in a straightforward and responsible way, without being an agent of "managed propaganda." For a member of the media to be paid by a "third party" to report the news is despicable. And when public funds are used to transact the "payola," it borders on criminal.

The recent disclosures involve what one would call "conservative commentators." The political persuasion they have means nothing to me. It is that what was done was wrong. If a conservative commentator gets away with it

today, a liberal commentator will get away with it tomorrow. And the public would be the loser both times.

I know that there are those who would look at this serious matter and conclude that "it's just politics." To them, I would say, "don't rejoice because your enemy gets stung by a bee: you may be attacked by a swarm of them." Watergate proved that, when it took about 10 years to recover from that "wrong."

If congressional hearings were warranted for the payola scandals in the television and music industries, I believe that they are warranted if there are payola scandals perpetrated by government. A free and unfettered press is at stake.

Community joins forces to help boy battle cancer

Super-hero-loving Jake Robert Widman, 4, of Gurnee, has been courageously battling cancer since he was diagnosed last March with neuroblastoma, a rare and deadly form of pediatric cancer that originates along the central nervous system.

After 10 rounds of high-dose chemotherapy, four surgeries, three bone marrow transplants and 100-days of isolation, "Super" Jake, as he is known to friends and family, is back home in Gurnee and is in clinical remission.

Despite the good news, Jake's parents still can't breathe or sleep easily as there is no cure should Jake's cancer ever return or relapse.

"That's simply unacceptable so we're doing something about it," said Matt Widman, Jake's father.

To help find a cure for Jake and others like him, Jake's family is establishing a nonprofit foundation, The Super Jake Foundation, and holding their first fund-raiser: Jake's Giant Garage Sale and Raffle Benefit, on April 1-2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the parking lot of St. Paul the Apostle on Hunt Club Road (just north of Route 120) in Gurnee.

The event will be held rain or shine. In addition to the giant garage sale, the event will feature two raffles to win a 2005 Lexus ES 330 luxury sedan, two tickets on Delta Airlines, a week's stay at a luxury vacation home in Marco Island, Fla., and "Two Men for a Day," providing the winner with two handy men for a day.

Volunteers, raffle prizes and donated items, from clothing and furniture to appliances and everything in between; are still needed. To learn more, log on to Jake's Web site at www.justforjake.com, or send an e-mail to jake@justforjake.com. Donations can be sent to The Super Jake Foundation, P.O. Box 477, Gurnee, IL, 60031.



A perfect match

Future doctors from Rosalind Franklin University celebrate entry into residency programs

As they near the end of four years of high-pressure coursework and exciting clinical experiences, medical students arrive at a crucial juncture in their medical education and their careers: Match Day.

This is the day on which graduating medical students all over the country learn which residency program they are matched to through the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), which assigns students to graduate medical education programs at teaching hospitals or medical schools.

Depending upon the medical specialty, the residency phase of post-graduate education lasts anywhere from three and seven years. The NRMP results were announced to



Suzanne Shepherd hugs a friend after discovering she's headed to Georgetown for a residency in radiology.

eager crowds in a ceremony known simply as "Match Day."

Like other medical colleges across the nation, the Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science was transformed into a place of celebration and promise in honor of Match Day. Family members traveled from locations far and wide to support their loved ones taking part in the Match (a total of 183 in the Chicago Medical School Class of 2005).

Students gathered in the lobby of the university following a celebratory morning of events for both the senior class and their families. At 11 a.m., each student was handed an envelope containing the name of their residency program match. Match Day is a day of



Top left-Seetal Adhikari, Vice President of the Chicago Medical School Class of 2005, opens her envelope among classmates and discovers she's headed to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. Above-Suzanne Shepherd hugs a friend after discovering she's headed to Georgetown for a residency in radiology.

exhilarating triumph and a day of new beginnings.

"This is an exciting day for all of us because it's a celebration of our accomplishments and the unveiling of our futures," said Seetal Adhikari, vice president of the Class of 2005. "I'm thrilled for my classmates, who have been deservingly matched at some of the best teaching programs in the country."

This year, nearly 23,000 people were matched to residency programs via the match process. The program is designed to optimize the rank ordered choices of students and program directors.

Residency programs involve in-depth training in one or more of the 27 specialties and 83 subspecialties recognized by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education, and others recognized by the American Osteopathic Association. This year, the most popular specialties among graduates of the Chicago Medical School were Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Anesthesia and Orthopedics.

"Watching our future physicians celebrate the culmination of their medical education with their family and friends is one of the true highlights of serving the Chicago Medical School," said Arthur J. Ross, III, MD, MBA, Dean.

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Lillian I. Richter

Age 99, a Libertyville resident, passed away Monday, March 14, 2005 at Winchester House in Libertyville. She was born in Waterloo, Iowa to Fredrick and Sophie Zell (nee Fisher). She was a member of the Libertyville Kitchen Clangers as well as the Libertyville Senior Center.

Survivors include her son, Russell (Rose) Schnor of Grayslake; her daughter-in-law Nancy Schnor, her grandchildren; her nine great-grandchildren, and her five great-great-grandchildren. Her husband of 34 years, Milton Richter, sons Robert and Alfred, five sisters, three brothers, and aforementioned parents precede her in death. Friends of the family may join them for the memorial service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville. Memorial donations may be made to the Libertyville Senior Center. All arrangements and care entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, 410 E. Belvidere Road, Grayslake, IL 60030.

Margaret A. Geiger

Age 85 of Antioch, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2005 at her home. She was born July 27, 1919 in Chicago, the daughter of the late William and Beatrice (Hanna) Hawkins. On Feb. 13, 1943 she married Eugene Geiger in Chicago and they moved to Antioch in 1951 where they ran a chicken and egg business for several years. Marge was the smiling face behind the counter at Reeves Drug Store in Antioch for many years before she began working for Abbott Laboratory where she worked for 16 years until her retirement in 1985. She and her husband were also charter members of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Antioch, she served on the Ladies Aid and Altar Guild, as well as teaching Sunday school regularly. She was also involved and was a former secretary with the IBEW Local 150 Retirees Club; member of the Antioch American Legion Auxiliary Unit 748; she enjoyed gardening, baking, spending time with her family and friends, and was a volunteer for many community activities. Marge seemed to make friends instantly with those she met and will be missed greatly by her family and friends.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth (Donna) of Antioch; two daughters, Nancy (Dennis) Craig of Yorkville, and Barbara Geiger of Lindenhurst; three grandchildren, Jennifer (Tim) McDermott, Brian (Lisa) Geiger and Adam Geiger; and one great

granddaughter, Alexis McDermott. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 2, 2002; two sisters, Dorothy and Charlotte and a brother, William.

Funeral service was held at 10 a.m., March 23, at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Antioch. Graveside Service was at 2 p.m. at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery in Oakbrook Terrace. Friends called at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, from 4 to 8 p.m., March 22 and at the church from 9:30 a.m., March 23, until time of services. Those desiring may make donations to the church building fund in her memory.

Deanna Sue Sloan

Age 63 of Round Lake died Thursday, March 17, 2005 at St. Therese Medical Center in Waukegan. She was born April 1, 1941 in Caretta, W.Va. Deanna was a resident of Round Lake for 46 years. She was employed by McLean Fogg. Among her enjoyments were crossword and jigsaw puzzles, crocheting, watching her favorite TV show C.S.I., and writing letters to her grandchildren.

Survivors include her four children, Shelia (Terry Gordon) Dowdal of Woodland Park, Colo., Terry Sloan of Ingleside, Tammy (Ralph) Timan of Scottsdale, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Christine, Roxanne, Alysha, Stevan; two sisters, Delores (Dewey) Williams of Ingleside, Kathy (Bill) Davis of West Hamlin, W.Va.; two brothers, Ray (Ann) Shvak of Mundelein and James (Edie) Duty of Bluefield, W.Va. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Services were private for the family at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home in Round Lake.

Rosalina A. Taeza

Age 80 of Waukegan, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2005 at the St. Therese Medical Center in Waukegan.

Surviving are four children, Deborah (Orlando) Morala, Bhelen (Ariel) dela Cruz and Celicia (Mario) Abadesa, all living in the Philippines and Zenaída (Charles) Arms of Waukegan; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two brothers living in the Philippines and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Valentine and Juana Alagao; by her husband Eleuterio Taeza in 2001 and a brother.

Funeral service was held at 7 p.m., March 23 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Visitation was

from 3 to 8 p.m. on March 23.

John R. Sojka

Age 84 of Pistakee Highlands of McHenry, died on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. He was born to Leo and Eva (nee Tunner) Sojka in Chicago. John was a veteran of WWII having served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Irene H. (nee Diederich) with whom he was united to in marriage on April 28, 1945 in Chicago; his children, Carol (Charles "Chuck") Wahl of Connecticut, Michael (Mary) Sojka of Cary, John S., and Robert Sojka, both of McHenry; his grandchildren; his sisters and many other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Friends of the family called on March 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake, where funeral service was conducted at 10 a.m. on March 22. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights. Memorials for the American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State Intl. #125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069.

Robert F. Knauf Jr.

Age 86 of Webster, Wis., formerly of Lake County, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at the Cedarwood Manor, his home, in Webster, Wis. He was born March 18, 1918 in Chicago, the son of the late Robert and Alma (Bornemann) Knauf, moving to Lake County in 1947. Bob was the past president of the Round Lake Lions Club, the Past Exalted Ruler of the Waukegan Elks Club 702, Member of the Burnett County, Wis. Moose Club, the YMCA and was a former Boy Scout Leader. He worked for some time as a tool and dye maker and in 1949, he built Shorewood Foods in Round Lake Beach, which he operated until 1973.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Witatr Antonelli (Bill) Stubner and Roberta (Jim) Bischoffer both of Fox Lake; a son James Knauf of Lindenhurst; one stepson, Michael (Lori) Knauf of McHenry; and a stepdaughter Kim (Charles) Presley of Antioch; his brother J. William (Fern) Knauf of Jefferson, Va.; 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 10 a.m., March 21 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with the Rev. Nathan Anderson of the Lutheran Church of All Saints in Fox Lake, offici-

ating. Interment was in St. Luke Cemetery in Chicago, at noon. Visitation was from 3 to 6 p.m., March 20 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Inter Faith, P.O. Box 676, Webster, Wis.

Irene Elizabeth Hutmacher

Age 69 of Libertyville, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2005 at her home. She was a former volunteer for the Auxiliary of Condell Medical Center. She was the loving mother of four daughters, Deb (Glen) Korff of Arlington Heights, Kim (Bill) Magna of Round Lake, Jeanne (Jim) Merlo of Libertyville and Teri Mc Donough of Mundelein; and devoted grandmother. Also surviving are many sister and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Irene was the loving wife of Robert Hutmacher, who passed away in 2000 and would have celebrated their 50th anniversary this November. She is also preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Irene Tuke; two brothers and two sisters.

Prayers began at 10:30 a.m., March 22 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and services continued to St. Joseph Church for the funeral mass at 11 a.m. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home from 3 to 8 p.m. on March 21. Memorial contributions can be made to the Misericordia/Heart of Mercy Center, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660.

Olga C. 'Ollie' Barabas

Age 79 of Antioch, passed away Friday, March 18, 2005 at the Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. She was born in Chicago, the daughter of the late Tony and Constance Rupkevicius.

Survivors include her daughter, Jacqui (Eric Knutson) Barabas and granddaughter. She is preceded in death by her husband Edmund J. Barabas in 1967. A memorial visitation was held from 3 to 6 p.m., March 23 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Ester L. Leung

Age 67 of Vernon Hills, passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at her home.

Survivors include her husband Yip-Ming; three daughters, Teresa (Roy) Yeung of Kildeer, Agnes (Frederick) Chan of Hong Kong, Vera (Kendy) Lee of Hong Kong; one son, Simon (Anita) Leung of Mundelein;

and three grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m., March 19 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville with the Rev. Kenneth Kiepora of St. Joseph Church in Libertyville, officiating. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., March 18. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Lake County Regional Office, 100 Tri-State International #125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 in her memory.

Charlene J. Wojtas

Age 60 of Kenosha, Wis., passed away Saturday, March 12, 2005 at her home. She was born in Chicago, the daughter of the late Emil and Charlotte Votava.

Survivors include her two daughters, Lisa (Timothy) Seitz of Pulaski, Wis. and Laura (Jeff) Affeld of Genoa City, Wis.; her mother, Charlotte Votava of South Milwaukee, Wis.; her brother and seven grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her father, Emil Votava.

Funeral service with Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., March 17 at St. Peter Church in Antioch. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m., March 16 at the Strang Funeral Home in Antioch. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Society of St. Francis Animal Shelter, 12300 116th, Kenosha, Wis., 53140.

Dawn D. Johnson

Age 52 of Libertyville, passed away Monday, March 14, 2005 at the Lake Forest Hospital in Lake Forest.

Survivors include her husband, Stewart; her mother, Lorraine Doerhoefer of Lincolnshire; one sister; two brothers; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, C. Rodney and Helen Johnson of Holiday Island, Ark. and many other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her father, Edward J. Doerhoefer and by a sister-in-law.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m., March 18 at St. Joseph Church in Libertyville with interment following at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Friends called from 3 to 8 p.m. on March 17 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 769, Hillside, IL 60162.

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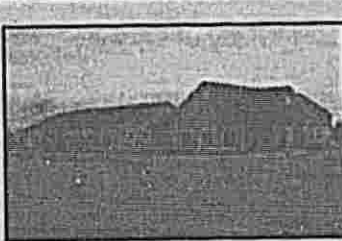
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Betty B. Bankhead

Age 65 of Waukegan, passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 in Waukegan.

She is survived by a son, Maurice Bankhead; brother; sisters-in-law; several siblings, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, cousins and many dear friends. She is preceded in death by her mother, Rebecca Garner; father, Timothy Garner and husband, James "Jimmy" Bankhead.

Funeral Service was held on March 21 at 11 a.m. at the Trinity AME Church, in Waukegan, with Pastor Reginald Blount officiating. Interment was at North Shore Garden of Memories in North Chicago. Visitation began at 10 a.m. until time of service at the church.

Arrangements were handled by Bradshaw and Range Funeral Home in Waukegan.

Carl G. Drake

Age 76 of Libertyville, died Thursday, March 17, 2005 in Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. During WWII, Mr. Drake had served in the U.S. Navy.

Survived by his wife, June L. (née Hunt) of more than 50 years of marriage; his son, Carl (Debbie) Drake Jr. of Libertyville; his daughter, Linda (Brad) Schramm of Georgia; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son, John.

Funeral service was at 11 a.m. March 22 at McMurrugh Funeral Chapel in Libertyville. Interment was at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was March 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. and March 22 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to either Condell Hospice or The American Heart Association.

RECENT DEATHS

Peter P. Drabek III, 57 of Ingleside, March 11, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Lenora Stell, 76, of Libertyville, March 13, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, Grayslake.

Kurt P. Johnson, 51 of Fox Lake, March 12, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, Grayslake

Arnold W. Schevikhoven, 79 of Grayslake, March 13, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, Grayslake.

Clare M. Horton, 102 of Antioch, March 11, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Mildred Homolka, 86 of Kenosha, Wis., March 11, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Dr. Jennifer Smith, 32, March 9, 2005. Arr: Bright Funeral Home and Cremation, Wake Forest.

Catherine R. Fencel, 86 of Libertyville, March 8, 2005. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville.

Thomas Matney, 45 of Round Lake, March 7, 2005. Arr: Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home.

Larry J. Anderson, 67 of Antioch, March 9, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Violet Rose Baumbeck, 90 of Wadsworth, March 9, 2005. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville.

Doris M. Mandurano, 81 of Lake Villa, March 12, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Edward 'Eddie' E. Bliskey, March 13, 2005. Arr: K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home, Fox Lake.

Ellnor Perry (nee Bostian), 80 of Libertyville, March 11, 2005. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville.

John Russell Johnson Jr., 80 of Antioch, March 13, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Herman H. Schifo, 91 of Antioch, March 13, 2005. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

John Sherin, 63 of Old Mill Creek, March 11, 2005. Arr: Marsh Funeral Home of Gurnee

Sandra J. Hurd, 61 of Libertyville, March 13, 2005. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville.

Johnie B. Barnes Sr., 72 of North Chicago, March 5, 2005. Arr: Bradshaw and Range Funeral Home, Waukegan.

Pauline L. Krumme, 72 of Waukegan, March 12, 2005. Arr: Marsh Funeral Home

Ione W. Shellenberger, 79 of Mundelein, March 13, 2005. Arr: Kristan Funeral Home, Mundelein



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• Getting to Know Your Cardiac Risk Factors

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the U.S. Learn what your cardiac risk factors are and what you can do to lower your risk. Monday, April 25 • 6:30 p.m. at the Vista Surgery and Treatment Center

• Parents' Guide to Communicating with Your Teen

Having trouble communicating with your teen? You're not alone! This seminar provides an overview of adolescent development for parents. Wednesday, April 27 • 7 p.m. at Saint Therese Medical Center

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Thursday, April 14 • 8-11 a.m. by appointment at the Vista Imaging Center

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• Diabetic Medication Discussion with Pharmacist

Thursday, April 21 • 6:30 p.m. at Victory Memorial Hospital. Register by April 19.



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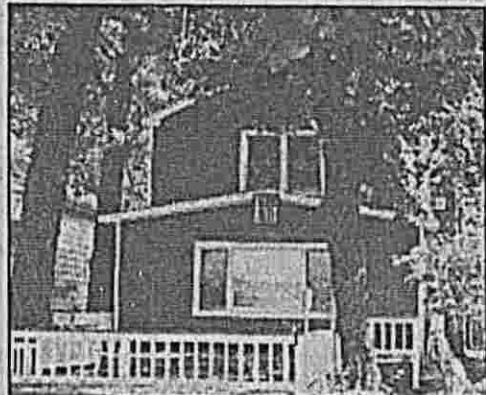
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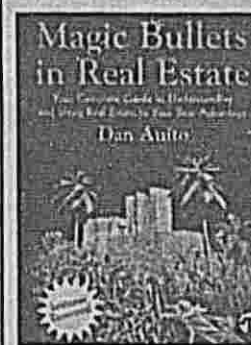
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- A dual-licensed real estate agent and appraisal assistant, as well as a founder of a nonprofit drug prevention corporation and a real estate consulting group, Auito says he was motivated to write the book because he was sick of seeing people "ripped off and taken advantage of."

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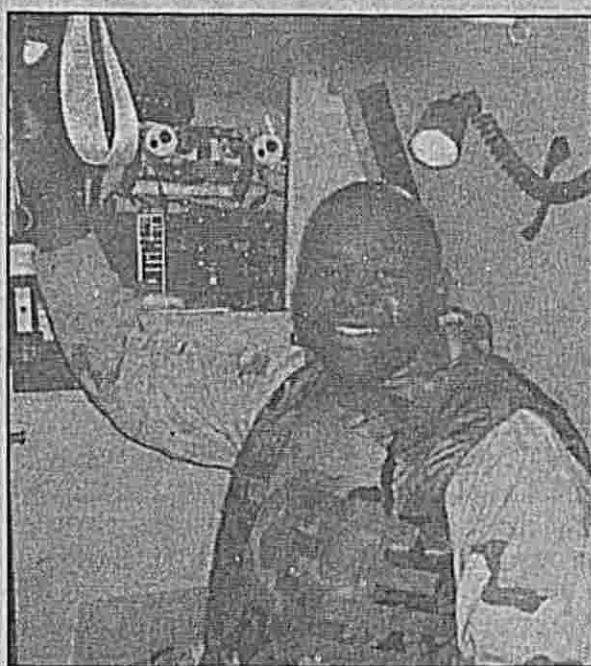
His thoughts often turning to his family, friends, and co-workers back home, Arcia Moss, of Vernon Hills, a Navy reservist serving in Kuwait, sent an official U.S. flag to his employer, Condell Medical Center, in Libertyville, in appreciation of his job as a hospital operating room technician.

Moss had the flag flown over Camp Spearhead in Kuwait on Sept. 11, 2004, in honor of Condell. He chose that date in remembrance of the third anniversary of the terrorist attacks in the U.S.

Moss mailed the flag to Condell in care of the hospital's director of surgical services, along with an official certificate signed by U.S. Navy Reserve officers, honoring Condell Medical Center. The certificate reads in part, "With this flag you will carry the memories and experiences of the forces deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom II."

Condell will be flying the flag at the hospital in Libertyville until Moss returns from Kuwait this spring in honor of him and all Condell employees serving in the military.

Moss has been serving in Kuwait since July 2004 as a hospital corpsman (medic) for Naval Expeditionary Logistic Support Forces Forward Bravo, a U.S. Navy combat support



Arcia Moss on active duty in Kuwait.

battalion. He is one of 14 medics assigned to provide emergency medical services and routine medical care to more than 400 soldiers.

The medics also evacuate patients to the fleet hospital, if extended care is required.

Referendum program on LCTV

Lake County's cable television station, LCTV (cable channel 18 or 30) is now airing a half-hour program entirely about the County's road improvement referendum that will be on the ballot on April 5.

An Inside Look is an informational series that provides in-depth coverage of County departments and agencies, county government issues, county board districts, school districts, municipalities and townships. This month, An Inside Look features the Lake County road improvement referendum, including information about the County's road improvement program that would be funded by additional revenue from the referendum.

The program also highlights public input that was used in development of the plan and answers some frequently asked questions about the road improvement referendum.

LCTV is also airing several other programs containing content about the referendum, including referendum discussion during County Board meetings.

An Inside Look can be seen on LCTV daily between now and the April 5 election.

Specific airtimes for referendum-related LCTV programs can be found in the "Calendar & Events" section of the Lake County referendum web page at www.co.lake.il.us/referendum.

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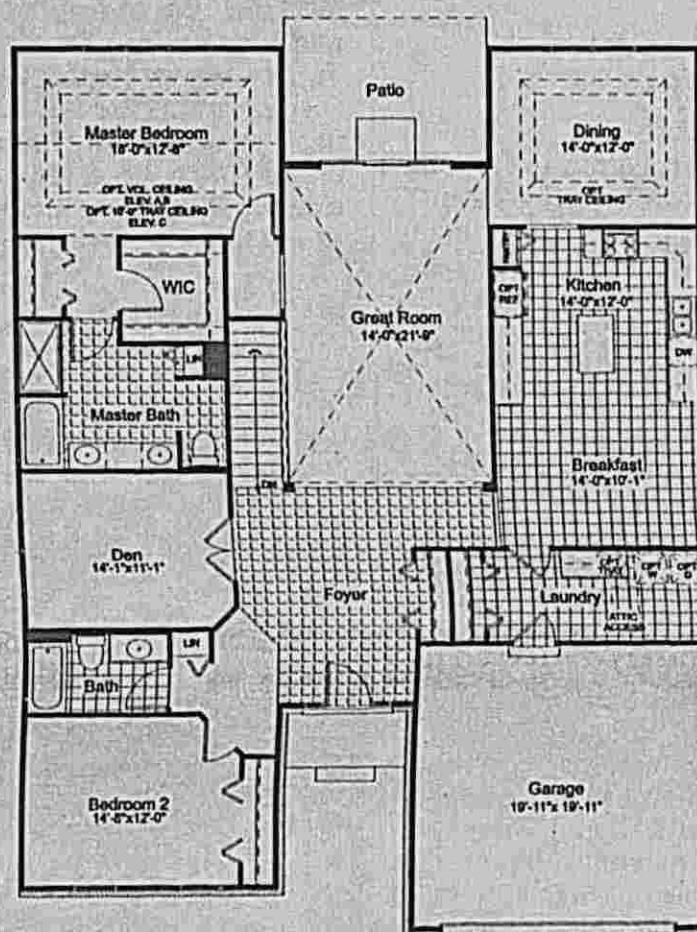
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CONDELL HEALTH NETWORK

Condell continues Building Blocks series

Condell Day Center's Building B.L.O.C.K.S. (Building Learning Opportunities for Caregivers and Kids) series, continues its educational series with new sessions for parents and their children ages one to three years old. Sessions in the Building B.L.O.C.K.S. series will meet from 10-11 am Wednesdays at the Condell Day Center, located on Condell Medical Center's campus, 700 Garfield Ave., Libertyville.

The cost per session is \$35 per family. Early registration is suggested, but not required. Please call 847-990-5800 for further information or to register.

Building Blocks sessions and topics:

April 6 - May 4, 2005: Eric Carle (Discuss the many children's books by this renowned illustrator and author, including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.)

May 18 - June 15, 2005: Bugs and Butterflies

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Expectant moms and dads can learn all about the "big day" at Vista Health's childbirth classes. Classes are available year round and are offered at Victory Memorial Hospital (Waukegan) and the Vista Surgery and Treatment Center (Lindenhurst). A schedule of dates, times and fees for classes is available by calling Vista's New Family Center at 847-360-4297, extension 5218.

A few of the classes include:

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Prepared Childbirth Refresher - A two session class designed for parents who have attended classes in the past.

Prepared Childbirth Single Session - Designed for people with busy schedules, this one session class meets from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on a Saturday.



PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

Hi Dr. Singer,

My child is in 6th grade and he does very well at things like sports. He doesn't do as well with academic things like Math, Science etc. He isn't failing, but it doesn't come easily to him. He is very aware of other kids getting it faster than he does. We have never been the kind of parents to express anger about grades since the grades are always average but the older he is getting, the more frustrated and upset he is getting about not doing well at the academics. We feel that he is strong in sports and does average in academics so he should feel good about himself, yet he doesn't and it concerns us. We have been to a tutor but the academics don't improve. We'd like him to feel better about himself and wonder if our perspective about focusing on his strengths and forgetting his weakness isn't the best way to think. Of all people out there, we thought you would be helpful. We've been reading you for a lot of years and it seems like your answer here would be very worthwhile. G.T.

Hi G.T.,

Thanks for being such an avid reader of my columns. Yes, I do have lots to say about what your son is experiencing. First and most importantly is the way your son is feeling about himself. Kids are acutely aware when they are not doing well at something. Even if they are doing well at

Low math skills + high sports skills = bad feelings in the child

something else. When a child is intelligent and something isn't clicking right, they try and try and then get frustrated and may start to avoid the work altogether or become depressed or anxious. Of course the situation becomes worse when parents are set on the child's grades being perfect. Thankfully, you are not that way with him. I think it's o.k. for parents to require effort on the child's part and also to ask the child to get good grades. It is imperative for parents to understand, though, when something is not quite clicking for the child, they need to get the child the right help so they can get the "click" to work and thus take away the frustration and bad feelings. Kids do know when they are not doing well. Doing well at one thing does not take away the feelings of not doing well at another.

From what you have told me, I suspect that your child has problems with at least processing speed and memory. Those are two things that are absolutely required for Math skills to do well. Think about what is required with Math. You have to be able to do multiple levels of solving that takes some time. If your memory and/or processing speed are not up to where they should be, by the time you get to the 3rd step, you might be lost. When most kids get lost there, they start to space out or avoid the work completely, especially if they have asked for help already. They do not want to look stupid so they just sit and don't do anything further. That's normal behavior for any child who is suffering with this. There may be more going on with processing than that, but those are usually the 2 big ones that slow down that subject. These are processing problems that are often mistaken for laziness or ADD. Many times, parents will find crumpled up, thrown away homework or find missing assignments in book bags. Of course, most of the time parents get very angry and upset when they find these things because it looks like purposeful behavior by the child, but it really isn't. In my experience, usually it is more about avoidance behavior. Sometimes it is about embarrassment. A child

who has tried his best and then the work just isn't good and the child knows it. You'd be amazed at how many kids I have met who are great at sports or music etc. and they still are throwing away homework or worse yet, doing the homework and then not turning it in. Parents are very dismayed when they stay up until all hours of the night with the kid to get it done but then the child doesn't get it handed in. Unfortunately, many of these parents don't find out about this until weeks later and then it's tough to go back and fix. Even more unfortunately, many parents don't realize what is really going on to cause this and so it keeps happening and destroying the quality of the family's life.

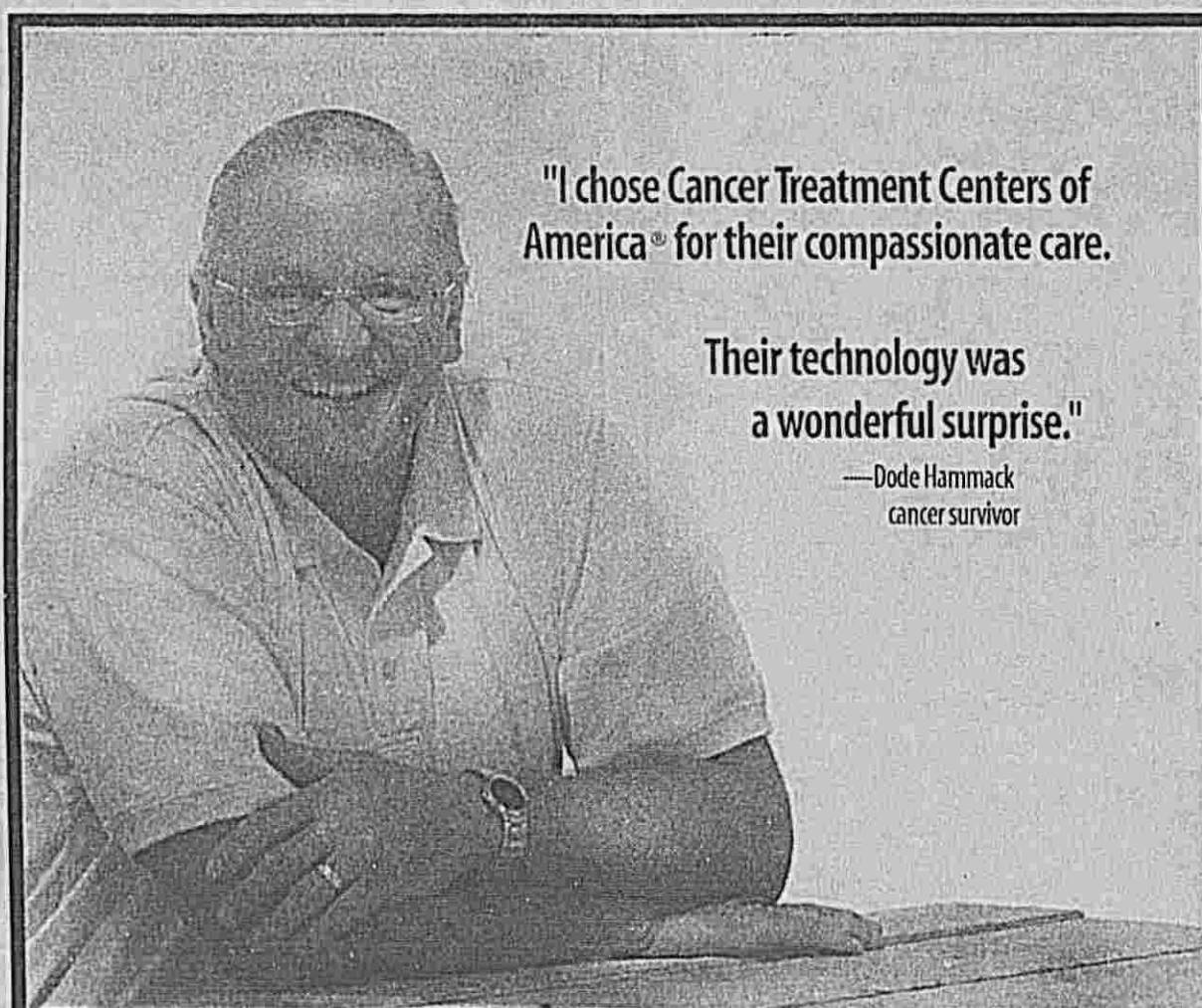
I cannot stress enough that losing homework, throwing it away or not remembering assignments is not usually about laziness and not usually about attention. More often, in my experience, it is about processing skills that are not on track. More importantly, when you see a child who has some strengths but is still getting overwhelmed by other things, it is a true sign of processing problems because you can have some skills that are great and some that are weak and stagnated. This is what creates the frustration and the feeling in the child that something is not clicking right and they should be able to do the task.

Let me also just say one thing about focusing only on the strength and letting the weakness be in the background. Let's say you break your right arm and it is the arm you usually use and it is put in a cast for 8 weeks. During that time, you use your left arm again and again making it very strong and the arm of choice for your activities. Now the cast comes off and your right arm is weak and you still use your left arm because now your left arm is stronger. Would any Doctor tell you to just keep using your left arm and forget about the right one? No way! That Doc would tell you to get some physical therapy on the right arm and bring it back to its former glory so you could have a balanced ability on both sides of your body. Processing skills are no different. Processing problems happen because of habits that form from weaknesses that exist. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard someone say "he is a visual learner so let's present everything in a visual way." Presenting everything visually to that child may make things look better for a little while, but as the years go by and the material gets tougher and the independence requirements get harder, that "visual" child is going to also need the auditory skills and they will be weak or almost crippled because of lack of use and presenting everything to the visual sense. This is why practicing can fix these problems and make life easier for the child so he or she can feel good about all the areas of their life and not just one or two.

Regarding the tutor, tutors are great, after you fix the processing foundation. If you tutor before you fix the processing habits, the success level will not be as good. This would be like having cracks in the foundation of your house that are making your bricks lay funny and instead of fixing the foundation first, you fix the bricks sitting on that foundation first. If you fix the bricks first, the foundation cracks will still exist and the bricks will fall again and again needing repair over and over again. If you fix the foundation cracks first and then get the bricks fixed, your house will be strong and not need the repair again. Tutoring is terrific for after the foundation is repaired.

So, don't be surprised that doing well at the sports is not enough for him. He wants to do well in all areas of his life, especially at the age he's at. He needs help in building up the weak areas and practicing them so he can feel good about himself. Self-esteem is not something that happens from talking about your problems. That just makes you more aware of your problems. You have to go in and fix the weaknesses so they don't exist anymore and the child can get on with it at a faster speed and with more success.

Dr. Sherri Singer is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Childhood Behavior Specialist. She regularly works in person with many readers of this column, helping them to significantly improve their kid's behavior, attention and processing skills. You can find Dr. Singer's "Tic Mark System of Behavior Improvement in Kids" very helpful in making great changes in a child's life. This system has promoted very fast behavior change both at home and school with very little work from parents and teachers. Dr. Singer continues to help kids with improving attention, focus, homework and processing in her Attention, Behavior and Learning Success Program. For an appointment, please call (847) 231-5644 or (708) 962-2549.



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Lo	25	26	27	37	35	35	35
Forecast	Rain	Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Rain	Rain	Rain
Record High	72 • 1967	76 • 1989	76 • 1989	77 • 1998	77 • 1963	81 • 1986	81 • 1986
Record Low	3 • 1974	9 • 1960	3 • 1965	14 • 1970	12 • 1969	8 • 1969	10 • 1969
Sunrise	5:46 A.M.	5:44 A.M.	5:43 A.M.	5:41 A.M.	5:39 A.M.	5:37 A.M.	5:36 A.M.
Sunset	6:10 P.M.	6:11 P.M.	6:12 P.M.	6:13 P.M.	6:14 P.M.	6:36 P.M.	6:16 P.M.
Moonrise	6:12 P.M.	7:19 P.M.	8:30 P.M.	9:43 P.M.	10:58 P.M.	No rise	12:13 P.M.
Moonset	5:51 A.M.	6:10 A.M.	6:31 A.M.	6:55 A.M.	7:23 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	8:46 A.M.

Source: National Weather Service

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	Mar. 16	Mar. 17	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 20	Mar. 21	Mar. 22
Pick 3 Midday	779	574	213	436	N/A	372	854
Pick 3 Nighttime	431	839	161	107	597	102	218
Pick 4 Midday	5239	2287	1380	0067	N/A	1855	9307
Pick 4 Nighttime	5401	7845	8357	0250	5335	4500	1688
Little Lotto	11-12-16-20-24	15-16-21-28-35	17-23-33-35-39	01-15-26-30-34	03-09-17-19-27	05-09-26-27-34	04-21-31-34-37
Lotto	02-13-16-37-46-48	No drawing	No drawing	07-19-20-31-48-50	No drawing	No drawing	No drawing
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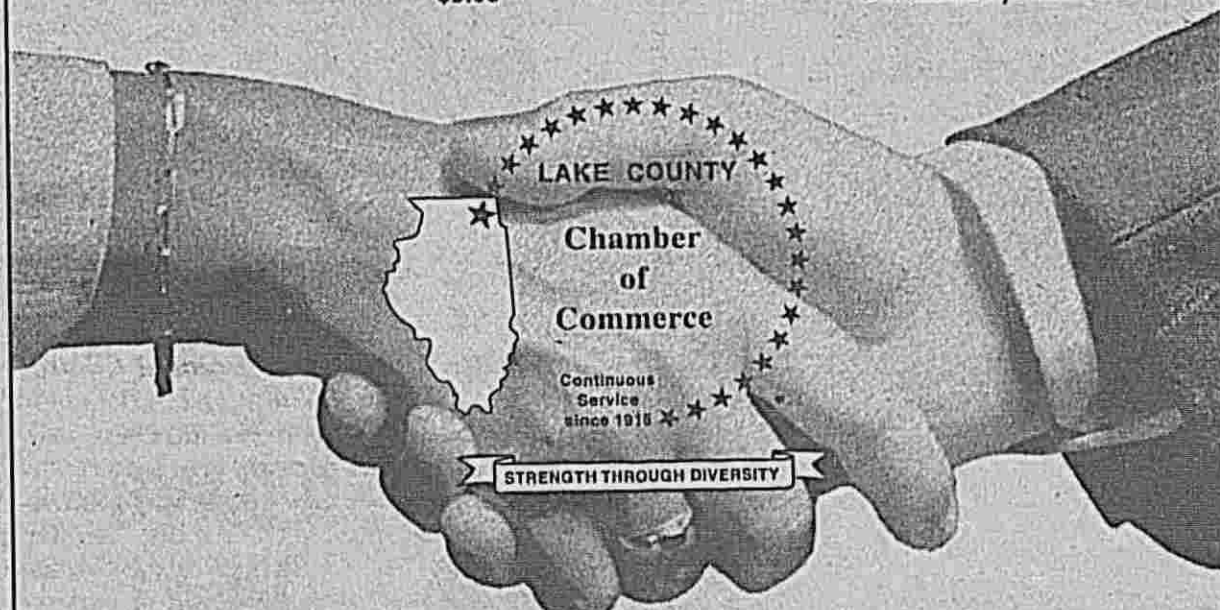
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Owners get down to business

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

Numerous area business owners found new promise in their enterprises during the Hispanic Business Development & Training Initiative in Gurnee's Hampton Inn.

Serving as a presentation, the event demonstrated to those in attendance what they could gain from participating in a free program designed to assist Hispanic and minority-owned companies expand and improve their businesses. Residents who own construction, landscaping or related businesses are eligible to take the four two-hour sessions, starting in April, which would teach them how to fill out applications, gain permits and licenses and learn how to grow their business once they've mastered the basics.

Sessions would be taught by Lake County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce members, which Chamber Chair Lucy Rios views as their way of giving back to the organization. She said the sessions would inform residents of their rights in applying for contracts with the state and federal government. "I think there's a lot of people out there who don't think they can do it," Rios said.

Chamber board member Jaime Mercado said he hasn't seen this type of training in Lake County recently, and was pleased to be able to help business owners become more competitive. The organization's members hope to eventually establish a construction co-op for contractors, Mercado said, and he expressed hope that minority owners in Waukegan could benefit from unifying their efforts in order to win greater business representation in the county.

"The money that's coming into the Lake County area is going everywhere else," Mercado said. "I think because of the number of Hispanics up here, we need to mirror those numbers."

Looking to gain an advantage for his land-



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Robert Comello, Chief Executive Officer for the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, talks to a group of area Hispanic business persons about the upcoming business training offered by the Lake County and Illinois Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. The training programs start in April, and are designed to help Hispanic business owners with their companies.

scaping business, David Gomez attended the event in hopes of finding business management and financial assistance information. His companion, Guadalupe Cruz, said they wanted to learn about programs that assist with bank loans, as well as find out how to win contracts with government offices.

Cruz said she wanted to help Gomez's business grow, as she stands to benefit along

with the owner. "Maybe later on I won't have to work to help him out, he'll be OK," she said, smiling.

For more information regarding the business sessions, contact Horatio Lopez at 847-924-4995 or Lake County Chamber of Commerce Steve Robinson at 847-249-3800.

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Quartet represents area's best individual athletes



From left, Lea Corcoran (Grayslake), Dennis Nevelo (Warren), Brett Lancaster (Libertyville) and Kendall Brown (Carmel) represent the area's best individual spring athletes.

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While there is no "I" in team, no squad can be successful without some monster individual performances. Last season saw some great ones, including superb efforts from our baseball and softball Players of the Year, Brandon Ziemann and Jaclyn Aspinall, as well as numerous stand-outs in soccer and tennis.

This year should be no different, as a quartet of area athletes appears poised for greatness.

BRETT LANCASTER

Two years ago, after Brett Lancaster's sophomore season ended, Libertyville baseball coach Jim Schurr pulled him aside and offered some constructive criticism.

"As a sophomore (Lancaster) was one-dimensional and I told him he had the potential to play at the highest of the next level in Division I (college) baseball," Schurr said. "But his hitting had to change. He had to show power."

It's safe to say that the all-star catcher responded last season.

As a junior, Lancaster hit a school record nine homeruns, five of which

were to the deepest part of the field, between left-center and right-center. He also accumulated a .440 batting average, amassed 41 RBIs, had a .570 on-base percentage and put together a .849 slugging percentage.

How's that for multi-dimensional? Those gaudy numbers earned him a spot on the Illinois all-state team last summer, which Schurr coached.

"We had the top 20 kids in the state and he was hands down, in the top 20, one of the top 10 kids in that group," Schurr said.

Now as a senior, Lancaster will be one of the leaders on a veteran-laden team that went 26-9.

And he said he hopes to see his ability at the plate get even better.

"I think there is tons of room for improvement," he said. "Last season I started off hot and was hitting close to .500 and then I kind of tailed off at the end. This year, I want to start off hot and stay hot."

"I know I'm not going to see the pitches I saw last year so I have to be patient at the plate."

Lancaster saw what it took to be a championship team last fall, when he quarterbacked the Libertyville football team to the Class 7A state title. He said he sees the same team cohesiveness on the baseball team.

"With the football team it was

the greatest chemistry of any team I've ever played on in my life and I know that chemistry had a lot to do with our success," he said. "And on this team we all get along real well and there are no individual groups."

'I love to strike people out. It's nice to get in the minds of my opponents and intimidate them.'

Lea Corcoran

Grayslake senior pitcher

LEA CORCORAN

Grayslake senior hurler Lea Corcoran was born in 1986. As it happens, that's the last time the Rams won a regional title.

Corcoran is looking to change that. Despite a record of just 13-16 as a junior, Corcoran had a 1.36 ERA and fanned 230 hitters in 202 innings. She also had a .404 batting average, eight home runs, four triples, 31 RBI and 16 runs scored. All of those numbers were team highs.

And even more is expected from her this season, according to Grayslake coach Stacy Selle.

"When she steps on the mound,

the girls know she'll do well," Selle said. "She can have an off day and still do well. Everyone talks about her pitching, but she's an awesome hitter. She's thin, but she works out. She's all muscle."

Although some would buckle under the pressure of being the team's go-to player, Corcoran thrives off it.

"I've grown accustomed to the team counting on me," Corcoran said. "I want to get my stats even higher this year so I can help the team. We want to finish top-3 in (the Fox Valley) conference and win our first regional since the year I was born."

Amazingly, Corcoran may even be better on the mound this season as a change in her delivery has added several miles per hour to her fastball. She also has a changeup, a rise ball, a straight curve and a drop curve.

"I talked it over with my pitching coach and we decided to streamline my delivery," said Corcoran, who used to slap her leg with her glove during each windup. "I've been pitching the same way since seventh grade, so it took me a few months to get used to the timing. But I think it will help me in the long run."

While she's always been an excellent pitcher, as evidenced by her 1.62 career ERA and 693 strikeouts, her hitting didn't improve until last season.

"I was always more confident with my pitching," Corcoran said. "The girls used to laugh at me,

ON THE SIDELINES

Dan Patrick • Sports Reporter

He hateth spring sports

Cold weather and rain does indeed play a large role in the lives of football players, but when you're covered with 50 pounds of padding, it's not too bad. Track athletes, with their tank tops and shorts that would make Paris Hilton blush are subjected to an icy-cold dungeon so unimaginable it can't be put into words.

Everything from flooded fields to absolutely frigid weather befalls our young baseball, softball and track athletes. It seems like every other scheduled contest is struck down by some form of small-scale natural disaster, wreaking havoc upon the schedules of the athletes, their parents and journalists like yours truly. But why does this happen only in the spring?

After much thought and consideration, I think I know the true reason: God hates spring sports. Bear with me now, I have done my research and I have found the long lost book of Springsport.

1:1 In the beginning, God created both spring and sport, and it was good.

1:2 And God said, "Let there be outdoor sports such as baseball, softball, soccer and track and let the multitudes of young athletes enjoy and grow strong with my creation."

1:3 Yet along with the athletes came the overbearing fathers and the soccer moms who take competition too far and yell personal insults at other competitors. This did not please God, and he was forced into action.

1:4 And the Lord God said unto the soccer mom, "What hast thou done?" And the woman said, "The SUV beguiled me, and I did yell and scream at the referee in an abrasive manner."

1:5 And the Lord God said unto the SUV, "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all vehicles; upon thy roof shalt thou flip at normal highway speeds, and poor gas mileage shall plague thee for all the days of thy life."

1:6 Jesus then spake, "Father, forgive them; for the over-

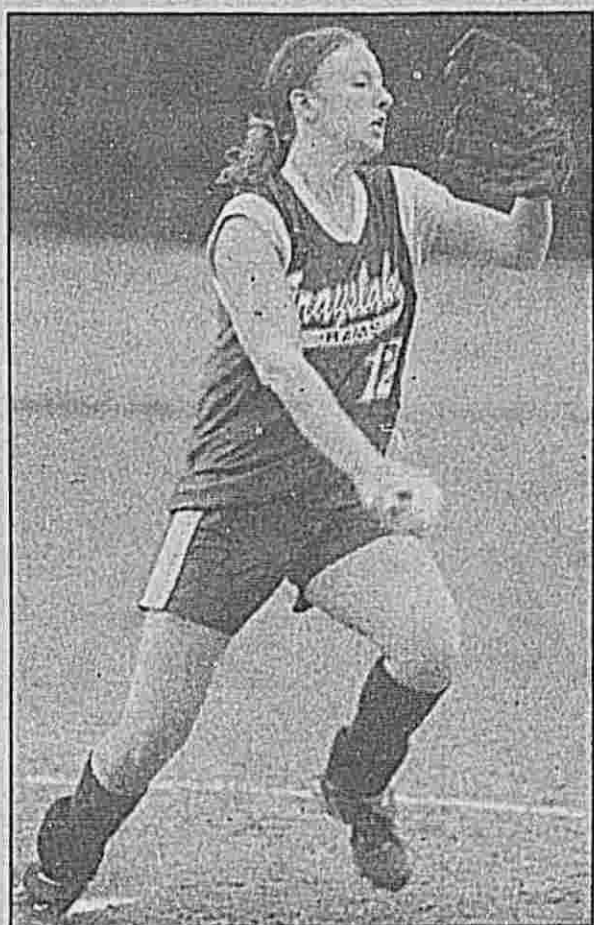
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SPRINGING



File photo by Sandy Bressner

Grayslake's Lea Corcoran makes a pitch in a game last season.

because whenever I didn't get on base, I'd slap the ground with my bat."

Even though opponents are beginning to fear Corcoran at the plate, it's on the mound

where she feels she does the most damage.

"I definitely like pitching more," Corcoran said. "I love to strike people out. It's nice to get in the minds of my opponents and intimidate them."

DENNIS NEVOLO

Ask Warren tennis coach Greg Cohen about freshman Dennis Nevolo and his answer is simple.

"We'll be watching him on TV one day," Cohen said.

Nevolo takes the place of another Dennis (Polyakov), who moved to Houston last sum-

'Nevolo turns on balls so quickly and he has a better understanding of the game than any kid I've ever seen. He's the real deal.'

Greg Cohen
Warren boys' tennis coach

mer after two straight state appearances. And as good as Polyakov is, Cohen feels Nevolo is even better already.

"He has the potential to be a state champ, even this year," Cohen said. "I really enjoy watching him play. He even has a legitimate chance at being a good pro player."

Apparently, the USTA agrees with Cohen.

Nevolo was the No. 1 ranked player in the country in the 14-and-under division before turning 15 in December. Now he's the No. 17 player in the 16-and-under bracket.

"He has phenomenal speed and he's like a chess player with his unbelievable ability to play points," Cohen said. "He turns on balls so quickly and he has a better understanding of the game than any kid I've ever seen. He's the real deal."

Nevolo is the second member of his family to play tennis at Warren, as older brother Jeff, a 2004 graduate, was a state doubles qualifier last season.

Dennis' twin brother, David, runs track and cross-country at the high school and Jeff's twin sister, Julie, was a swimmer.

Despite being a freshman, Nevolo is quickly becoming a leader on a very strong Warren team.

"It's pretty fun being a leader as a freshman," Nevolo said. "I just want to go there and win all my matches. I'm definitely gunning for a state title."

KENDALL BROWN

If there's ever any question about how deserving Kendall Brown is of any accolade here's the answer: 85 goals. That's the number of career goals Brown's sitting at after one lousy game in the 2005 Corsair campaign. While others see perfection in Brown's game, she sees only areas to improve.

"I want to reach 100 career goals by the end of the season and I'm trying to improve my left foot," Brown said. "It's a common

weakness, but I try and only use my left foot in practice so it'll get stronger. I've also got to bring up the speed of my game."

Carmel coach John Halloran said Brown is easily one of the best players he's ever seen and comes with the complete package of skills needed to become a great soccer player. In essence, Brown represents everything Halloran wants in a soccer player.

"She's a good player because she has so many weapons - speed, skill, a good shot, everything," Halloran said. "If you play her tight, she'll find a way to lose you, if you back off of her, she'll simply run around you."

Halloran believes Brown's ability comes from a witch's brew of natural speed, skill, and an impeccable sense for the game. These skills helped endear Carmel to a 16-5-4 mark last season, and Halloran expects only bigger things from the team this time around.

"She's been with us for four years and when you watch her play, anyone can just see her ability," Halloran said. "She has a good nose for the goal and has a singular focus on the game and that's to put the ball in the goal."

Despite her focus on the soccer field, Brown is not so intense off of it. According to Halloran, she's actually a joker, but when game time comes around, the smiles don't come so easily - at least for opposing teams.

"She's a great kid, always happy, always smiley and she provides some of the lighter moments in practice, and that's important to have when you have such big goals riding on the team," Halloran said. "On the field, she's a leader by example who just goes out there and works."

SIDELINES

forgive them; for the overbearing parents know not what they do, and how annoying they are."

1:7 And God said "What was once some of the greatest pastimes have now been tainted, and they shall now endure my wrath."

1:8 And God spake, "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto each and every baseball field, and let no dry land appear until it is entirely too late for the game

to be played, especially when there is a parent's schedule to be smote." And it was so.

1:9 "Let the winds reach gale force when there is a track athlete who must run against it, let the soccer field remain frozen, so that ankles may be twisted, let the air be so cold that all short-sleeved spring athletes must shudder underneath freezing temperatures and uniforms may be ruined underneath never-ending rain." And it was so.

So you see, it all makes sense why spring sports are such hassles this time of the year! Seriously though, I want to salute all of those spring sports athletes out there, it's truly tough living through fluctuating temperatures and frequent rain-outs.

Well, there is one good thing that'll come from all of this—I'm going to get some serious frequent flyer mileage from my one-way ticket to hell.

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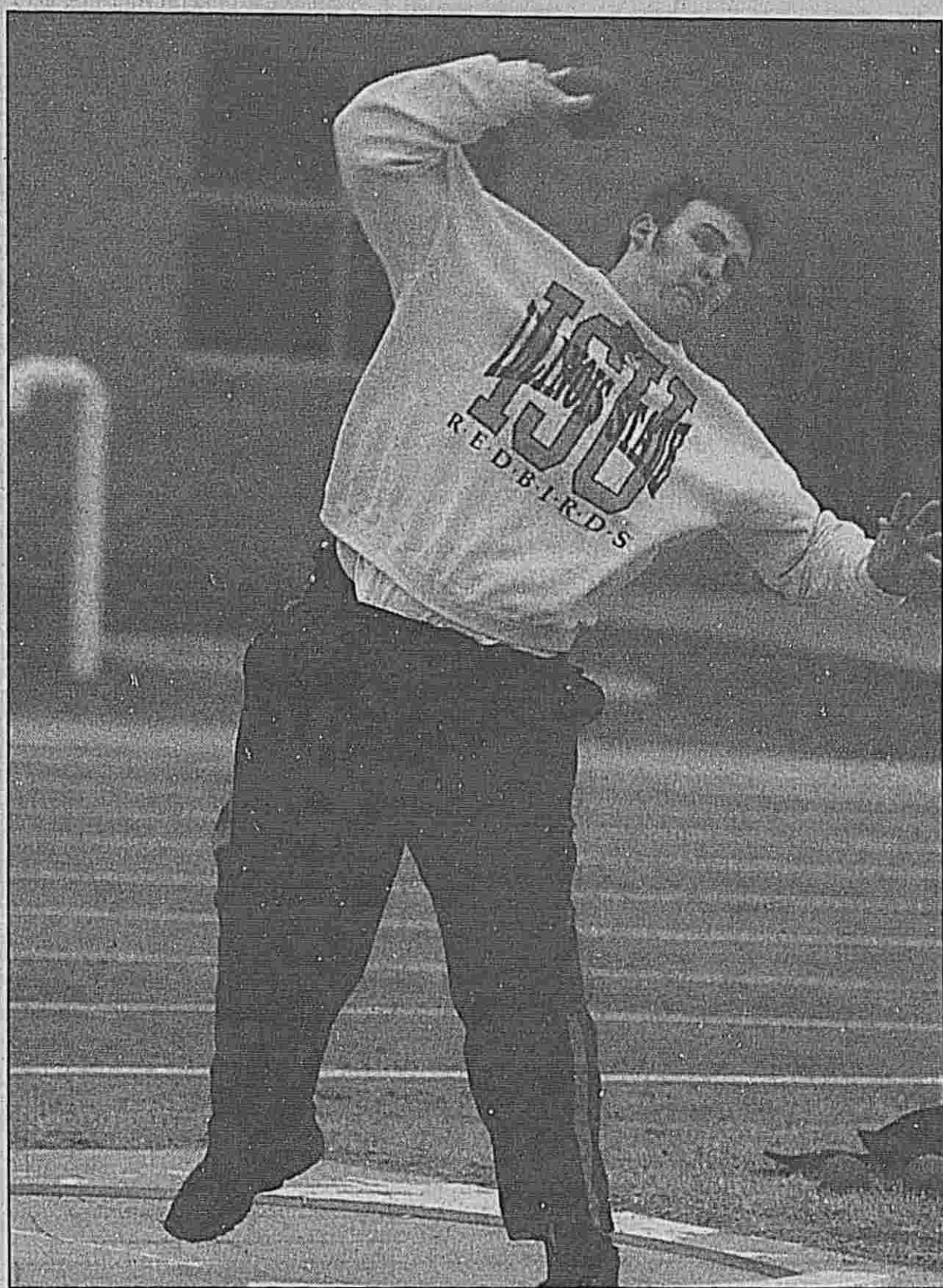


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Grayslake Community High School sophomore Tom Dernick warms up in the shotput ring during the school's track and field intra-squad meet.

ANTIOCH

Antioch is traditionally one of the stronger cross-country teams in the area, so it's no surprise that the track and field team's strength this year lies in its distance runners, according to head coach Ben Palmberg.

"Our potential state qualifiers are most likely our distance runners," Palmberg said of the group, which includes Ryan Oliver, Dakota West and Mike Lodesky.

Palmberg will also rely on the efforts of hurdler Mark Neuman, sprinter Will Addison and thrower Ryan Cashmore. The leadership of the trio will also be key, according to Palmberg.

"We have a pretty young team so their leadership will be key," Palmberg said.

The girls team has raised expectations this year, according to Charlie Shahbazian, who serves as co-head coach with Dan Oslage.

"We're hoping to finish in the top third in the conference as well as at sectionals," Shahbazian said. "And we hope to get a few people to state."

The Sequoias will count on the efforts of Jill Pish, Abby Churchill, Abby Peters, Melissa Pohlman, Sarah Brown, Kahia Schwall, Katie Reardon, Tiffani Basinko and Shanell Prather to lead the team up the standings in the North Suburban Lake division.

"I think top three is a realistic goal for us," Shahbazian said. "This is the last year as a combined program so that should help us."

CARMEL

Within sports, there are dynasties big and small from the national stage to the local level, as for Lake County, one needs to look no further than the Carmel Corsairs boys track team. As the team has been ruling the East Suburban Catholic Conference for some time, Corsair coach Jim Halford has his sights set even higher.

"The boys team is going for their fourth straight conference title and we've won 46 dual meets in a row and we're hoping to hit 50," Halford said.

With such a successful program, it's fairly obvious the Corsairs have afforded themselves with a number of talented athletes. Joe Jeka, Stan Jeka, Matt Pirih, Steve Dunn and Kevin

Devitt have long been fixtures in both the Carmel locker room and the top of the Lake County high school food chain.

"We've think we've got two guys who can break 1:57 in the 800, we did lose some great athletes to graduation, but we're still among three teams that have a legitimate shot at the conference title," Halford said.

GRANT

Grant High's boys track team had several standout efforts in the Byron indoor meet.

Junior Chris Robinson took home a second place finish in the shot put with a 46 feet, 7 inch effort. He had set the sophomore record in the event last year.

Senior Eric Horvath was third in the 55 high hurdles in 78.4.

The 4x200 meter relay team of Horvath, Chris Rosado, Rick Howell and John Schmid was fourth in 1:40.4.

Rosado placed fifth in the pole vault with a 12 foot, 6 inch best.

"We're very upbeat about the season," said head coach Sam Spasojevich. But then there is the weather. "In my 31 years, this is the worst spring," he said.

Grant hopes to begin the outdoor season at Round Lake on April 5 in an NSC Prairie Division test. Grant is at the Huntley invite April 7.

Grant Community High School will have several representatives at the unofficial Indoor State Meet at Illinois State University.

The 4x400 relay team of Kristen Nozime, Trisa and Kaela Munster and Pam Staton qualified with a 4:16 at the Byron Indoor meet. "We held off Wheaton Warrenville South and some other teams," said coach Jim Cramer.

Danielle Eiler won the shot put in 39 feet, 6.5 inch throw and Cora Caulfield set a new record for GCHS juniors with a 39.25 effort. Both have qualified for the indoor state meet March 26.

Also, Staton qualified in the 800 with a 2:21 as she won the event.

Nozime made it to the indoor state meet with a third place effort in the 55 meter hurdles.

The two-mile relay finished fourth at

Byron. Sophomore Ola Yusuff, Staton, Kyle Baird and Heather Jahnke make up the team.

"We're a real young team," Cramer said.

The Bulldogs open the outdoor season by hosting Round Lake April 5.

GRAYSLAKE

Grayslake's boys track team has more than doubled its participation from last year, jumping from 39 to 70 this year. And head coach Brent Pitt is hoping that translates into some success for this year's team.

Despite losing all-time school record discus thrower Bob Applehans to graduation, Pitt thinks he has some other potential state qualifiers on the team, starting with the 4x800 relay core of Scott Beckerd, Scott Merrell and Andy Gerken.

Jason Becker, who qualified for the Junior Olympics in the high jump, is also a solid candidate for the state meet. Pitt also said the efforts of Mark Kupfer, Elias Washington, Casey Schlaak, Marlin Muller and Alex Mikrut will be key to the team's success.

"We're looking to make an impact in the Fox Valley (Conference) this year," Pitt said. "We also want to make some noise at sectionals and qualify some kids for state."

Girls' coach Sarah Palmberg also has big expectations for her squad, led by sophomore sprinter Kelly Washington, who could qualify for the state meet in several events.

Junior Chelsea Thomas is key jumper and sophomore Jill Carlson had an excellent off-season and is a solid sprinter and pole vaulter. Distance runners Morgan Jacquette, Colleen Centella and Jessica Duhig will also be key to the team.

"We just want to keep building up our program from last year," Palmberg said. "I just want to see continued improvement and hopefully we can move up in conference."

LIBERTYVILLE

The Libertyville boys track team returns all but one of its key components this year.

Jesse Conrad, who went to state for the 1600 last season, was lost to graduation. But in his place will be sophomore Tim Taylor, who fourth in the conference last year in the same event.

The team also returns its entire state-qualifying four by 800 relay team, which consists of Taylor, juniors Josh Schweigert and Jon Valdez and senior Brian Paplaski.

After going 4-1 and tying for first place in the North Suburban Conference Lake Division last season, head coach Briant Kelly said the goal is to lead the pack again this year.

"Even talking with boys, our goals are finish near the top of conference," he said. "The top teams are Zion, Warren and Stevenson but we have pretty high expectations to do well at conference and do well at some of the bigger meets in the county."

MUNDELEIN

Coaching changes can be tumultuous for any team, but for the Mundelein Mustangs girls track team, it hasn't been all that bad. First year coach Troy Parola said the girls have reacted well to the regime change, as for predictions for the team's performance, let's just say Parola doesn't think his team will repeat the seventh place 2004 finish.

"We're looking to be one of the top teams in the conference," Parola said. "Lake Forest is the team to beat and we're a young team that could compete."

The Mustangs have multiple weapons in numerous events and Parola is excited to start the 2005 campaign.

"We have Ameshia Baker returning and she was the conference champion in the 100-meter and 200-meter and she also finished in the top 20 in the state in the triple jump," Parola said. "Freshman Mandy Ranck just missed state in cross country Erin Moffet also just barely missed state. Another person to watch is Megan Timmerman who's our best in the high jump."

WARREN

Unlike many area teams, Warren's boys track team has plenty of returning experience, including four state qualifiers in Ray Varner (300 hurdles), Paul Thomas (4x400 relay) and Pedro Estrada and David Kierna (4x800 relay). And each of them will be counted on to lead this year's team, according to head coach Bill Dawson.

"Hopefully they'll be our leaders this year," Dawson said. "We're going to be really strong on the track this year. But we need some throwers and our long and triple jump to step up."

Also key to the team are Quintin Scott (sprinter, high jump), Marvin Bembry (sprinter, high jump), sprinter Alex Morton, distance runners Logan Beausoleil, Steven Kleine, Alex Kueny and Tom Plonowski and relay specialist Bernabe Murguia.

"We want to be as competitive as we can,



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Colleen Centella, a sophomore at Grayslake Community High School, runs the 600 during the school's track and field intra-squad meet.

but we're probably going to do better in big meets than in dual meets," Dawson said. "Our goal is just to get as many kids to the state meet as possible."

Girls coach Jim Lobitz is also confident in his team as Paula Neiweem, Brittany Bilderback, Sarah Rams, Julia Hiett and Jasmin Grashen all return as state qualifiers.

Tristan Theissing and Melanie DuPlessis are also potential state qualifiers, according to Lobitz.

"I feel pretty good about what we have back and our new faces," Lobitz said. "We lost some key senior leaders but I like where we're sitting in some areas. I think we should have a pretty solid season."

WAUCONDA

The Wauconda boys track team is set to improve upon an already impressive 12-5 2004 campaign thanks to the large number of returning athletes to the team. Bulldog coach Megan Zemanek said the talent is so good, she expects numerous members of the team to make its marks on Wauconda's record books.

"The outlook's quite positive because we have quite a bit of returning talent," Zemanek said. "Hopefully, we can get a couple people down state and break some school records this season."

Among Wauconda's best are sprinters Josh Patterson and Bill Chang, hurdlers Kris Gehrke and Tom Bacon. Ben Witte is an accomplished distance runner but Mark Anders was impressive in cross country and he should make a splash on the track team.

Zemanek expects multiple record breakers this season including Gerke. Chang should also make a presence despite past injury.

"Gerke tied the school record last year in the 300 hurdles, Patterson and Bill Chang were injured last year, so they weren't up to par at the end of the season and Bill Chang still finished fourth with an injury," Zemanek said.

WAUKEGAN

The boys and girls track seasons at Waukegan are still relatively young, but coach Gerald Green is said he already seeing improvements in his athletes.

Green said he thinks shot-putter Joe Leccesi could be key to the season. He's also looking for good things from Greg McBride in the triple jump and Darren Patterson, Jason Modest and Darius Edwards in the sprints.

Green is hoping Cystin King can continue to do well in the pole vault, and sophomore Jessica Armstrong can come through in the sprints.

Both teams are young however, Green said. And as the season goes on, he hopes to get more out of the athletes.

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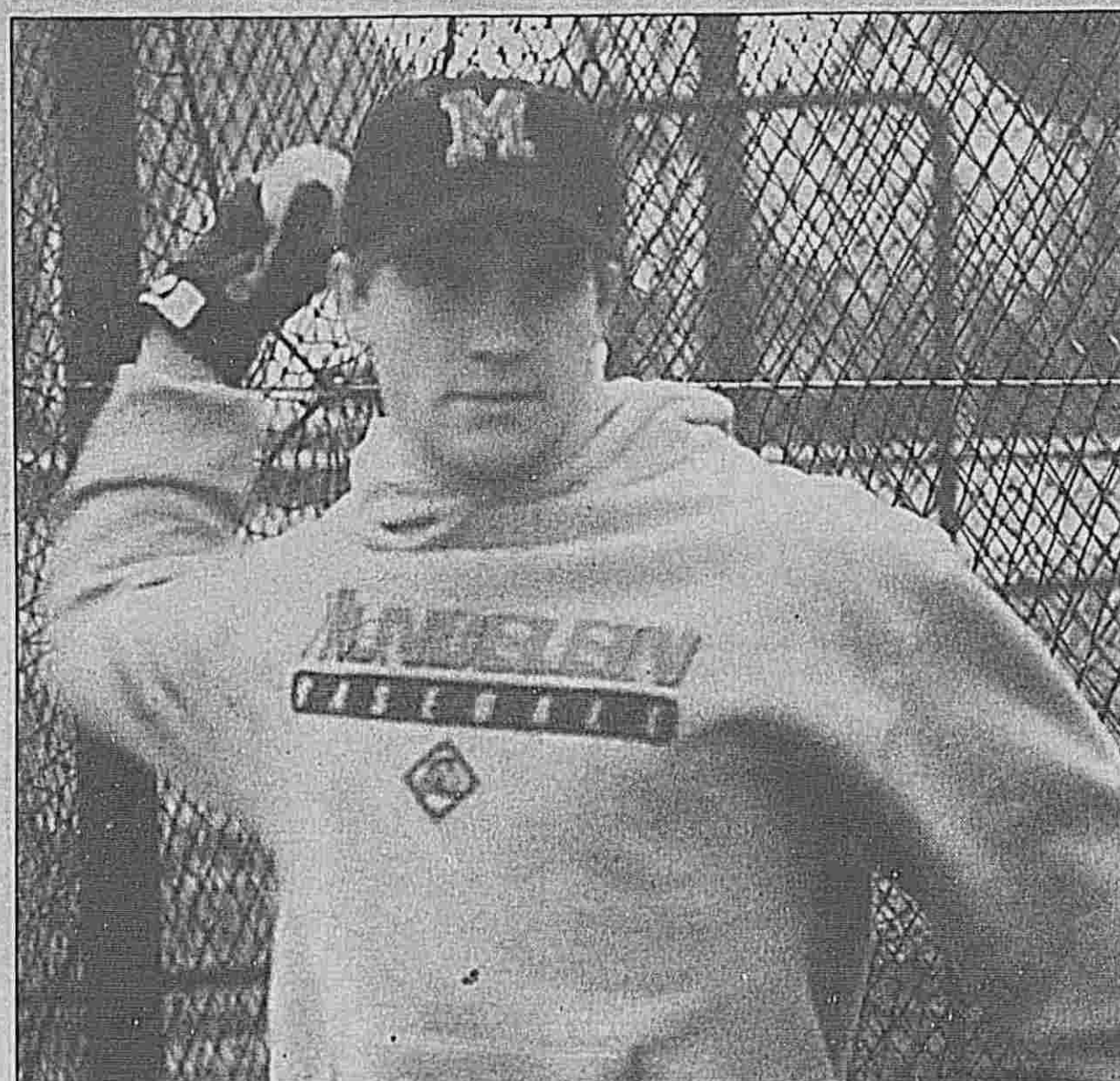


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Kevin Sashko, a senior, winds up for a pitch during baseball practice at Mundelein High School.

ANTIOCH

Antioch coach Paul Petty isn't sure what to expect from this year's team. Graduation was tough on the Sequoias, who finished 20-13 last year and lost to Lake Forest in the regional finals, as the team has just 12 players this year.

Moreover, Antioch lost ace pitcher John Snelton and its most consistent returning pitcher, junior Chandler Kent, is normally the team's shortstop.

"Pitching will be our key," Petty said. "We don't have that power pitcher that throws 84 (mph) like we did last year. It will be a collection of pitchers, we'll see who steps up."

Offensively, the team should be decent as All-North Suburban Conference selections Kent and catcher Nate Hughes are back to lead the lineup. Second baseman Mike Fuchs, third baseman Chadd Ori and first baseman Brian Vos will also be key.

"We have a lot of returning experience in the infield," Petty said. "That should really help us defensively, too."

The team will start an entirely new outfield, though, led by Justin Brown, Ryan Church and Mike Sinkovec.

"Short term, we just want to win our next game," Petty said. "Long term, we want to win conference. But it's been a very different spring training for us. There's a lot of question marks."

CARMEL

After a third place finish in the IHSA state tournament, the Carmel Corsairs baseball team has a pretty tall order to live up to for this season. With a 34-9 mark last season and yet another third place finish in summer ball, Carmel coach Chuck Gandolfi and his team seem poised to add yet another banner to the gym's rafters.

"Our goal is to play hard and win a state championship and just try to play as hard as we can on every pitch" Gandolfi said. "If you play it the right way, good things will happen."

With all the good things that have been happening to Carmel's baseball team, it can be easily said Gandolfi knows something about the "right way" to play. As for the team itself, the Corsairs come back relatively intact after the 2004 graduation. Experienced or not, Gandolfi is confident in his team.

"We're experienced but still young, we have a balanced lineup of speed and power," Gandolfi said. "We're going to do a lot of things well. Our pitchers give us strength, we're able to run, bunt, hit and defense should be pretty good. We're going to see some good games."

The Corsairs return a number of starters from last season's successful bid, peppered throughout all positions on the field. There is even a player returning from major injury to aid the Carmel cause this season.

"We're pretty strong up the middle with (catcher) Ryan Meehan, (shortstop) Sean McCreary, (second baseman) John Brennan,

Mike Morrissey at center field and the group we have is looking really strong," Gandolfi said. "Steve Hironimus is also coming back from a knee injury."

While Meehan and company provide a formidable lineup for the Corsairs, Gandolfi expects other players to also step up this season. Jeff Greco is a fixture in Carmel's batting lineup and proved his worth during the summer, hitting eight homeruns during the Corsairs' run to third place in the tournament.

"Greco is pretty darn good, he can hit," Gandolfi said simply about the slugger.

Mundelein also has its ace on the mound in the form of Tim Johnson and Kyle Stone. Johnson will also have the help of Joe Gaza and Sean McGrath in the bullpen.

GRANT

Adjusting to a new way of thinking can be a challenge for anyone, plus having to cope with less than spring-like conditions has been the norm for the Grant High baseball team.

Yet, coach Mike Mizwicki's forces are optimistic about 2005, although the season is off to a tardy start.

"We have tried to get outside when we can for an hour or so. The players are adjusting to a new system, too, especially the seniors," Mizwicki said.

Mizwicki was appointed baseball coach when Lee Raddatz retired after last season. Mizwicki played college ball for Northeastern Illinois University. He was an assistant coach for four years for Grant baseball.

"We're young and inexperienced," Mizwicki said of his first varsity team.

Bulldogs to watch for in 2005 include pitcher and first baseman Kyle Kapusta and catcher Eric Lostrosio. Sophomore Anthony Kaskadden, who played varsity ball as a freshman, is back. Infielder Jeff Kukla returns at second base or shortstop.

However, the Bulldogs may be a team that will have to manufacture its offense, not relying in home run power.

"We will have to execute on offense, defense and pitching to be successful," Mizwicki said.

Craig Griffiths and Casey Duval are the assistant coaches.

Grant was hoping for a break from Mother Nature in early-season games. Grant is at McHenry April 1 in a 10:30 a.m. doubleheader, with the second game a JV contest. Grant is at Crystal Lake Central April 4 and hosts Barrington April 5 if the weather relents.

The Bulldogs must replace several key seniors from last year. They included Steve Fox, John Gier, Dominick Lostrosio, Jesse Linczmaier and Kyle Stone.

GRAYSLAKE

It's hard to believe, but Grayslake has never even finished above .500 in the Fox Valley

Conference, coming closest last year with a 9-11 record. But head coach Troy Whalen is looking to change that.

"We want to compete for a conference title and I think it's attainable," Whalen said. "We just need to stay healthy and catch some breaks along the way."

Perhaps no one's health is more key than star pitcher Doug Hanson, Lakeland Newspapers' Player of the Year second runner-up last season. He suffered an injured ankle during football season, which then carried over into basketball season, costing him several weeks.

"He's 100-percent healthy now," Whalen said. "He hasn't missed a workout yet. If he accomplishes the goals he's set for himself, we should reach our goals as a team."

Last season, Hanson brought an 88-mph fastball to the mound, going 7-4 with a 2.10 ERA and 91 strikeouts in 59 innings. He also hit .334 with three homers, 31 RBI and 23 runs scored in the pitching-rich FVC.

Rick Krajewski gives the Rams a solid second pitcher as the crafty southpaw went 1-1 last year with a 2.37 ERA. He also went 6-0 over the summer.

"He had a great summer, so hopefully he can carry that over to the season," Whalen said. "He's a very smart pitcher and a good complement to Doug."

Micah Yarbrough and Andy Janik each won games at the varsity level last year, and Whalen is hoping for consistent seasons from the duo.

Offensively, Grayslake has much more speed than a year ago, led by leadoff hitter Bobby Truckenbrod, who hit .355 as a junior and led the team with 38 hits. Senior shortstop Josh Damore (.326 average, 18 RBI) will also help set the table, with Hanson, Nick Fabbri, Brett Miller and Matt Mulvaney looking to drive them in.

Although Grayslake finished just 17-18 last season, Whalen feels his team is capable of a monster season.

"The kids are hoping for a breakthrough season," Whalen said. "We have a good core of guys back and they're all quality players. These are the highest preseason goals we've ever had."

LIBERTYVILLE

Libertyville head baseball coach Jim Schurr saw the recipe for a championship team last fall when the school's football team put together an undefeated season, culminating in the Class 7A state title.

Luckily for him, many of those football players are now suiting up for him on the baseball team.

That group is led by senior catcher Brett Lancaster, who earned a .440 batting average, a school-record nine home runs, and 41 RBIs last season. Other senior football players who will take to the diamond this season are designated hitter/left fielder Ryne Gavigan and outfielder J.P. Kenley.

With a corps of talented veterans on his club, Schurr said the Wildcats had the ability to do some big things this season.

"We're returning five starters from last season and four hit over .300," Schurr said. "I'm hoping to see those guys step up."

Along with Lancaster, Kenley and Gavigan, starting pitcher Kyle Johnson and shortstop Jeff Keske return to the starting lineup.

Johnson was the Wildcats' No.1 starting pitcher last year with a 7-1 record. He also will step in to play first base and DH this season.

Schurr said Johnson and senior Aaron Hall have established themselves as Libertyville's top pitchers this spring.

"(Johnson and Hall) are our No.1 and No.2, the rest (of the rotation) is by committee right now," Schurr said. "We'll see who emerges. They're all working hard. We won't know who the other starters are until we get on the field."

Other pitchers who figure to be in the mix are seniors Kevin Foley, Brian Laspisa and Ryan Faye, and junior Eric Cusek.

Schurr said Lancaster might even move to the mound occasionally.

"He's throwing the ball a little bit," Schurr said. "If I had to use him, I'm not afraid to do it."

The Wildcats went 26-9 last season, losing the Lake Forest in the sectional championship. Libertyville also tied the Scouts atop the North Suburban Conference.

"Our first goal this season is to win the conference championship," Schurr said.

And Lancaster also has some ideas about the post-season.

"I'm expecting, if we don't win conference, to be right there and hopefully win a regional and go further than last year," he said.

MUNDELEIN

One day at a time. That's the message Mundelein Mustangs coach Todd Parola conveys about the 2005 campaign. While the team finished 14-20 last season and returns numer-

ous starters the team has its sights set on the here and now.

At this point in time, Parola's emphasis is upon the team's preparation and skill development. As for any speculation about upcoming wins and losses, Parola's actually the last person who would talk about that.

"The season has gone very well up to this point in the three weeks of practice that we've had. The kids are working their butts off right now, they've got good energy in practice and the indoor practices have gone well," Parola said. "They really have a sense of purpose and they've worked hard in the off-season. Right now, we've got to develop a consistent plan of preparation, once we do that, then we can start worrying about the games."

The strength of the Mustangs lineup is the pitching staff as Mundelein returns many of its best players from last season. While Parola is optimistic about the amount of experience he has on the mound, he still is waiting to find his fireman who can come in and close out games.

"Pitching is definitely our strong suit because we've got most of our pitchers back," Parola said. "Matt Tye, Adam Ketzner and Kevin Sashko, they gave us most of our innings last year and good pitching is going to be crucial for us. But we still need someone to step up and become an ace for us if we're in a tight position."

In the Major Leagues, pitching and hitting do not usually go hand-in-hand within an individual player's repertoire. As for the Mustangs, the best hurlers are also the team's best hitters.

"Kevin Sashko is one of our best hitters and he'll hit in the two or three spot for us and Matt Tye will also be one of our offensive leaders," Parola said. "Steve Tonsul should also put up some good power numbers for us and Ian Sanchez led the team with a .340 batting average last season."

Pitching isn't the only place Mundelein has returning experience, as the team remained largely intact from last season.

"All of our starters this year also started quite a bit last year," Parola said. "They got a lot of good baseball experience and that should help us out considerably this year."

ROUND LAKE

Round Lake coach Howard Conkling has his sights set on one thing: the Prairie Division title. While the team was only able to muster a 10-22 record last season, Conkling has confidence in his senior-laden squad.

"We expect to compete for our division, we think we're going to have a legitimate shot this year because of our returning experience," Conkling said. "We have our whole outfield back and part of our infield and we've got some experienced players like Mike Hughes who's played varsity for three years."

Hughes, a catcher, is expected to provide the biggest pop in the Panthers offensive lineup. If last season can be any indication, Hughes should put up big numbers for Round Lake as he hit at an unbelievable .480 clip last season. However, Hughes isn't the only senior with talent.

"Hughes should be big for us, he had a .480 batting average last year, you'd like to think he could hit higher than that, but it's pretty hard when you set the bar that high. He's also got a pretty arm and threw a lot of runners out for us," Conkling said. "Teddy Silveti returns in left field, he hit .350 for us, Steve Chrzas returns at center field and could pitch for us and Phil Suchowski is a good defensive player."

While the team does have its fair share of leadership with the large crop of seniors, there are underclassmen whom Conkling expects to contribute. Juniors Andy Patnous, Ryan Jagert and Brian Mendralla should do well this season. Schurz High School transfer Brad Kolff brings a 6-1 record to the Round Lake stable.

"Andy Patnous, hit .340 and had Ryan Jagert played as a sophomore last year and did some good things," Conkling said. "Infielder Brian Mendralla, good athlete SS, 2B, 3B Nich Anchor, big kid who's improved his range, we've also got a transfer named Brad Kolff and he quite possibly could be one of the better pitchers we've ever had."

With such good prospects, Conkling is taking it upon himself to give Round Lake a winning team, something the Panthers have been grossly lacking.

"We're looking forward to the season because we do have a lot of experience, we had a pretty good summer last year," Conkling said. "From the fall season to the winter season, there hasn't been a lot of winning in this school, with the exception of the wrestling team, and this is the most potential this school has had in a team and I want to live up to that."

WARREN

Usually losing a pair of Div. I players to graduation would signal a downturn for any program. But even though Warren lost Dan Spino (Illinois State) and Scott Shaw (Illinois)

from last year's team that won its first regional title since 1998, hopes remain high for head coach Dar Townsend and the rest of the Blue Devils.

"We're hosting a regional again this year, and we'd like to be in the mix," Townsend said. "Plus we always want to battle for a conference title. Our conference should be very good, and there's only a 10-game schedule so there's no room for error."

Townsend should know. Last season, his team lost three one-run games to Stevenson, Lake Forest and Libertyville.

But like last season, Warren has another pair of Div. I players in Andrew Wolcott (Duke) and Adam Worthington (Illinois-Chicago). Last year, Worthington hit .349 with two homeruns, 15 RBI and 18 runs scored and also went 3-1 on the mound with a 1.33 ERA and 43 strikeouts in 30 2/3 innings pitched. Wolcott was Warren's most effective pitcher last season, going 7-0 with a 1.62 ERA and 56 strikeouts in 55 1/3 innings.

Ryan Anderskow and John Anderson also return with pitching experience, giving the Devils a lot of depth on the mound.

"With the pitchers we have, if we play defense behind them, we'll have the opportunity to win some ballgames," Townsend said.

While Townsend is confident in the pitching and defense, he knows the key to the team's success will be its ability to score runs, something that may be a problem with all the production lost from last year's team.

"I'm concerned with our offense right now," Townsend said. "We lost a lot, so we have to replace it."

Some of the team's key hitters this year include Kevin Pollard, Worthington, Nick Lavery, Mark Skilling and Garren Zeffass. Nick Zupiec, Jered Rund, Mark Mirretti, Vinnie Vitale, Derek Kofoed, Chris Allen and Mario Lopez will also be key contributors, according to Townsend.

"We don't have a lot of power this year," Townsend said. "So we're going to have to manufacture runs. We have some speed, we just need to put the ball in play and put the pressure on the defense."

WAUCONDA

Experience is a good thing for any team, and now the Wauconda Bulldogs finally have a roster with game time on their side. With so many hours logged on the field, head coach Bill Sliker has big aspirations for the Bulldog roster.

"My expectation for the team is for us to be able to compete for the conference title," Sliker said. "That's always a goal for us and I think we have the talent this year to do it."

When asked about the team's playmakers, Sliker is quick to point out three players who are expected to immediately produce numbers for the Bulldogs this season.

"I've got Chris Hernandez and Hawk Haiduke, who was an all-conference catcher and we also have Brett Glaven, who started every game for us last year along with a lot of other guys who have some varsity experience," Sliker said. "We did lose a couple of kids that we're going to have to replace, but we should do pretty well."

Overall, Sliker is pleased with the progress his team has made during the off-season. With a number of returning varsity players, the team is in a legitimate position to make a run for the conference championship.

"I think we've actually improved in a lot of areas," Sliker said. "Our pitching has improved and we have pitchers that could win a lot of games. Baseball games are won by pitching and we have about 10 guys we could put out there who could win for us."



File photo by Sandy Bressner

Grayslake senior Doug Hanson toes the rubber in a game last season. Hanson will be counted on to lead the Rams to a successful season this year.

According to Sliker, home runs might not be this team's specialty, however, there are a number of players who can contribute offensively. One of the team's biggest assets is speed as players such as Haiduke possess the ability to stretch singles into doubles and so on.

"We really don't have any power hitters, but we do have guys who can put the ball into play," Sliker said. "Hawk (Haiduke), Glaven and Hernandez, those three have experience. Hawk's a speedy guy who hits a lot of doubles and singles, Hernandez can put up the numbers, as can Glaven, yet none of these guys can really be classified as just a power hitter."

Sliker's main goal mirrors many other varsity coaches' aspirations - the coveted 20-win plateau. However, he is keeping the one-game-at-a-time outlook for the time being.

"The goal is always to win 20 games for every team, and we would certainly like to improve on what we did last year," Sliker said. "They are a good group of kids who enjoy the game. Only time will tell what their record will be, but some aspects have certainly improved on paper, and on paper, we are better, but we've still got to play the games."

WAUKEGAN

Ask Waukegan baseball coach Craig DeLost what he thought hurt his team most last season and he'll be quick with an answer.

"Errors. Errors were the story of our season," DeLost said.

How much of a story? In the team's opening round regional contest against Stevenson, they fond themselves up 2-0 early in the contest. Then, an error here...and error there... Next thing they knew, they had lost 5-3, DeLost said.

But this year, DeLost is happy to report that the problem may be fixed.

The defense is playing better, and with seven returning starters, they should do well, DeLost said.

Among those returning is senior Phillip Sims. The first baseman not only hit .426 for the Bulldogs last season, he was also their ace pitcher. DeLost said he expects much of the same from him this season.

Junior Ryan Macmanaman will also pull double duty, as the team's leftfielder and number two pitcher. Like Sims, Macmanaman can

do both things well, DeLost said.

Big things are also expected from speedy centerfielder Jordan French. DeLost considers French one of the top leadoff hitters in the area. Last year he led the team with 22 stolen bases.

Seniors Joe Labus and Eric Kruger and junior Marshall Hogan are also returning with high expectations.

"We're anxious to start games. We're definitely bringing a lot of experience," DeLost said. "Hopefully that translates into wins. Expectations are high."

DeLost said he hopes the experience and the shoring of defensive problems will earn the team a record better than the 9-21 they finished last year.

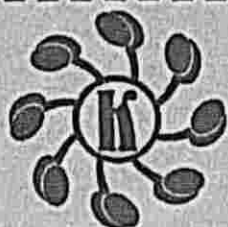
"We were inconsistent as a team last year. We beat good teams and lost to teams we should have beaten," DeLost said.

The team will see where they rank immediately this season, as they open the season Saturday in a double-header against Warren and defending state-champion Notre Dame. The team will follow that with a trip to Kentucky for spring break.

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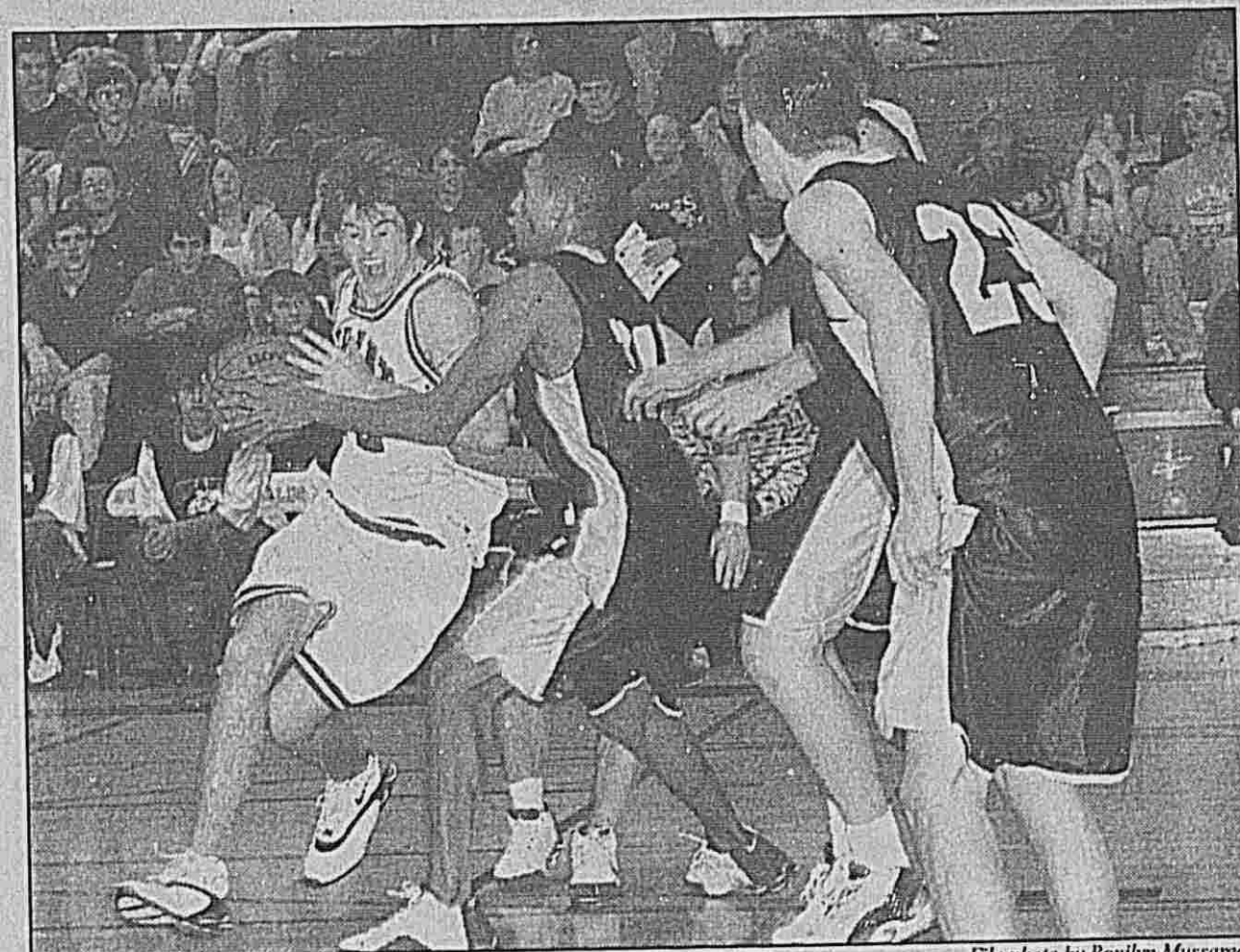
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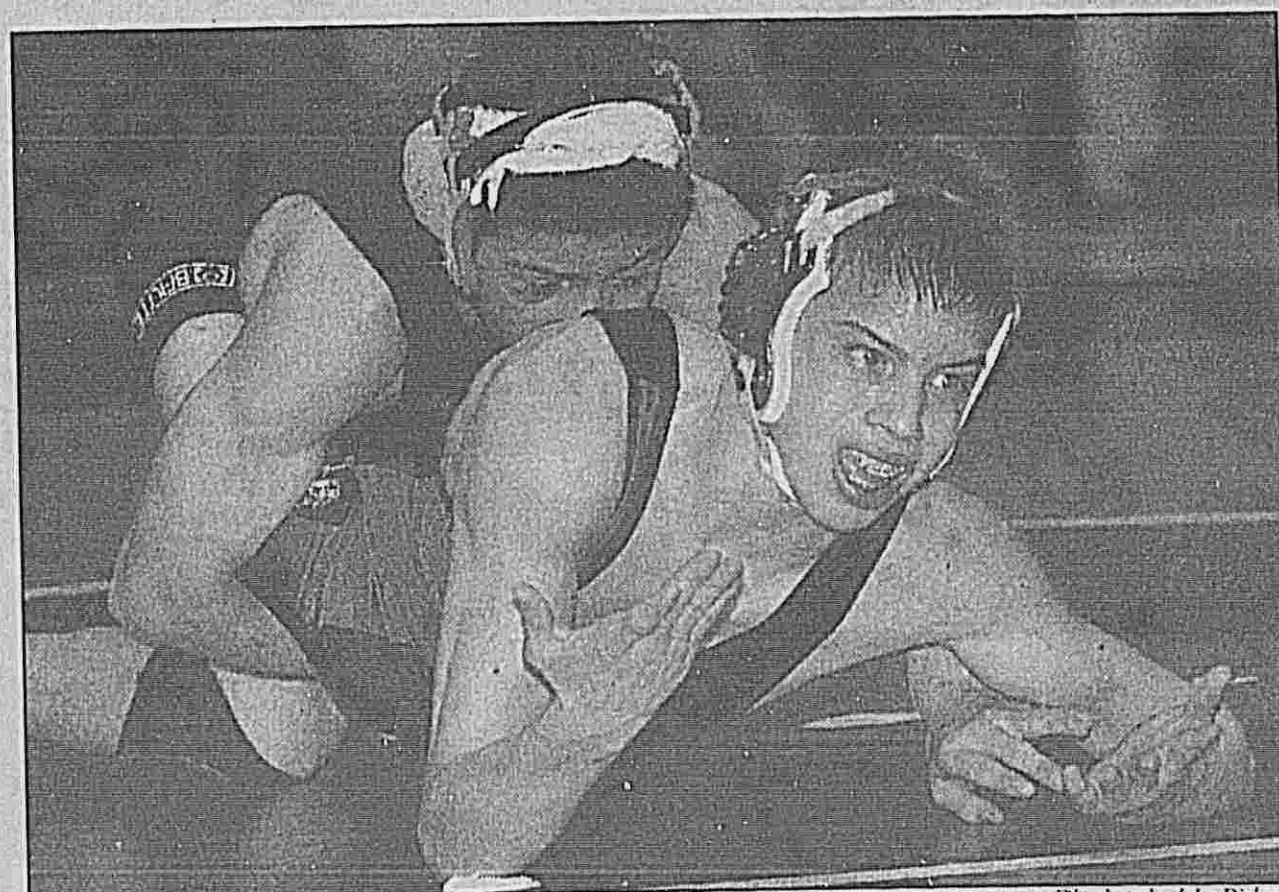
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Grant Community High School's Eric Lostrosco struggles against Wauconda's defense during a home game in Fox Lake.



Warren Township High School's Liz Blaz jumps into the arms of teammate Alex Leach as the team celebrates on the court after beating Buffalo Grove in the Class AA Loyola Super-Sectional at Loyola University's Joseph Gentile Center in Chicago.



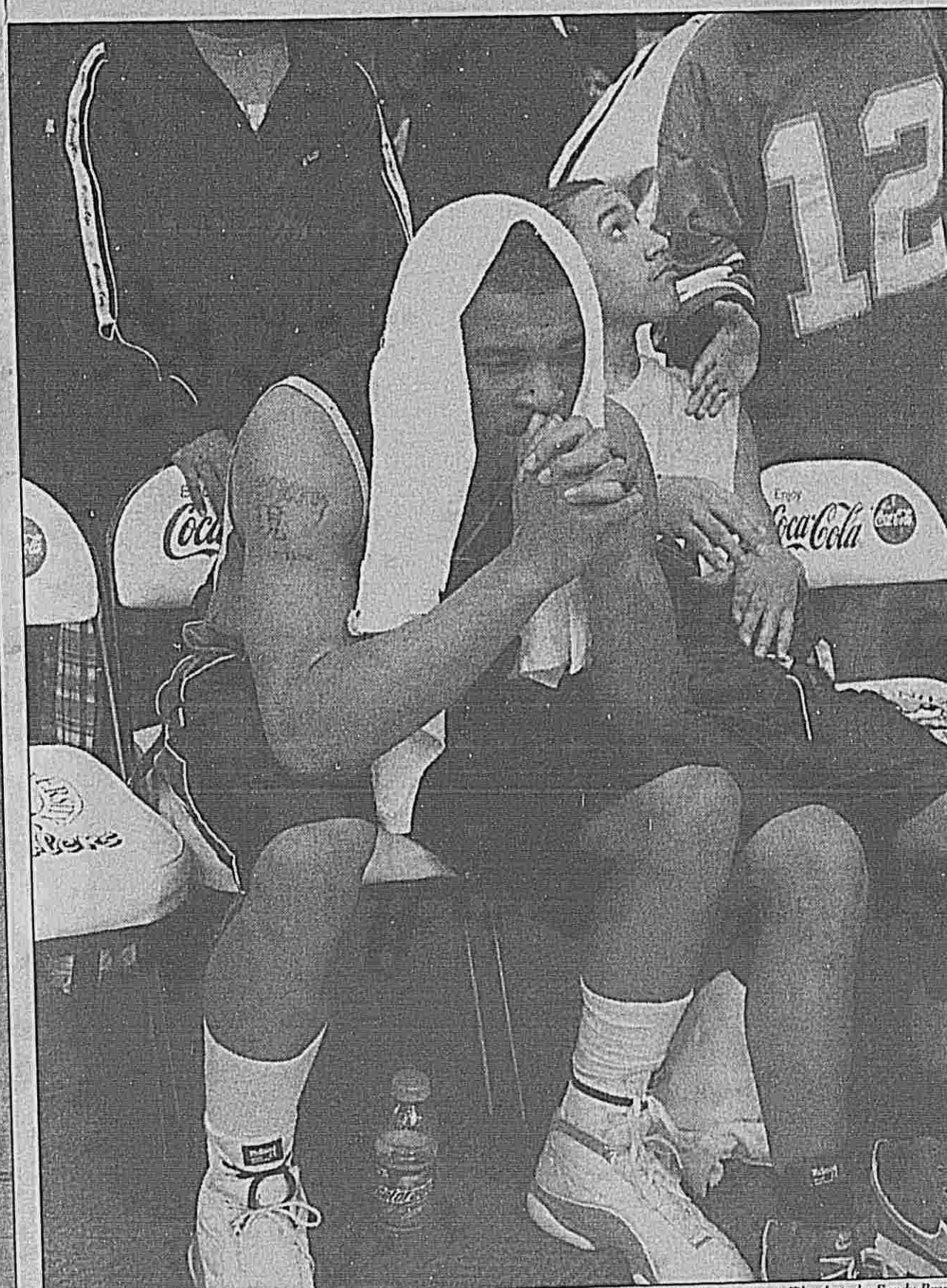
Jon Gonzalez, wrestling for Warren, looks to his coaches for guidance while competing against Izzy Montemayor from Grant, during the Grant Regional Tournament.



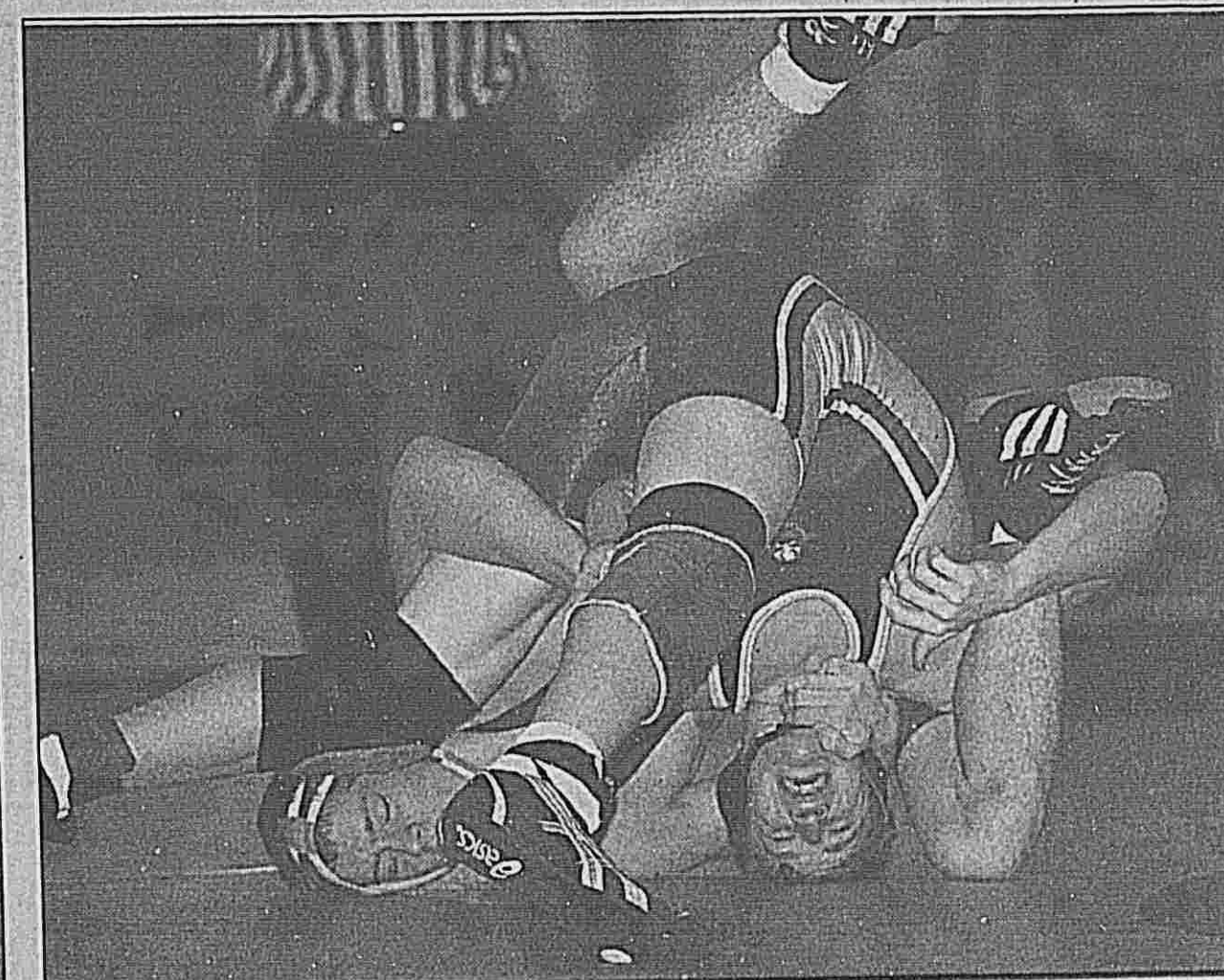
Warren Township High School varsity basketball players, clockwise from bottom, Ceola Clark, Jordan Dalton, Marcus Lewis, Mitchell Moore and Marvin Bemby formed the nucleus of a Blue Devil team that finished the season 24-4 before an upset loss to Waukegan in the Lake Zurich Sectional semifinals.



Round Lake High School's Toby Arteaga attempts a shot during 60-55 loss to Wauconda.

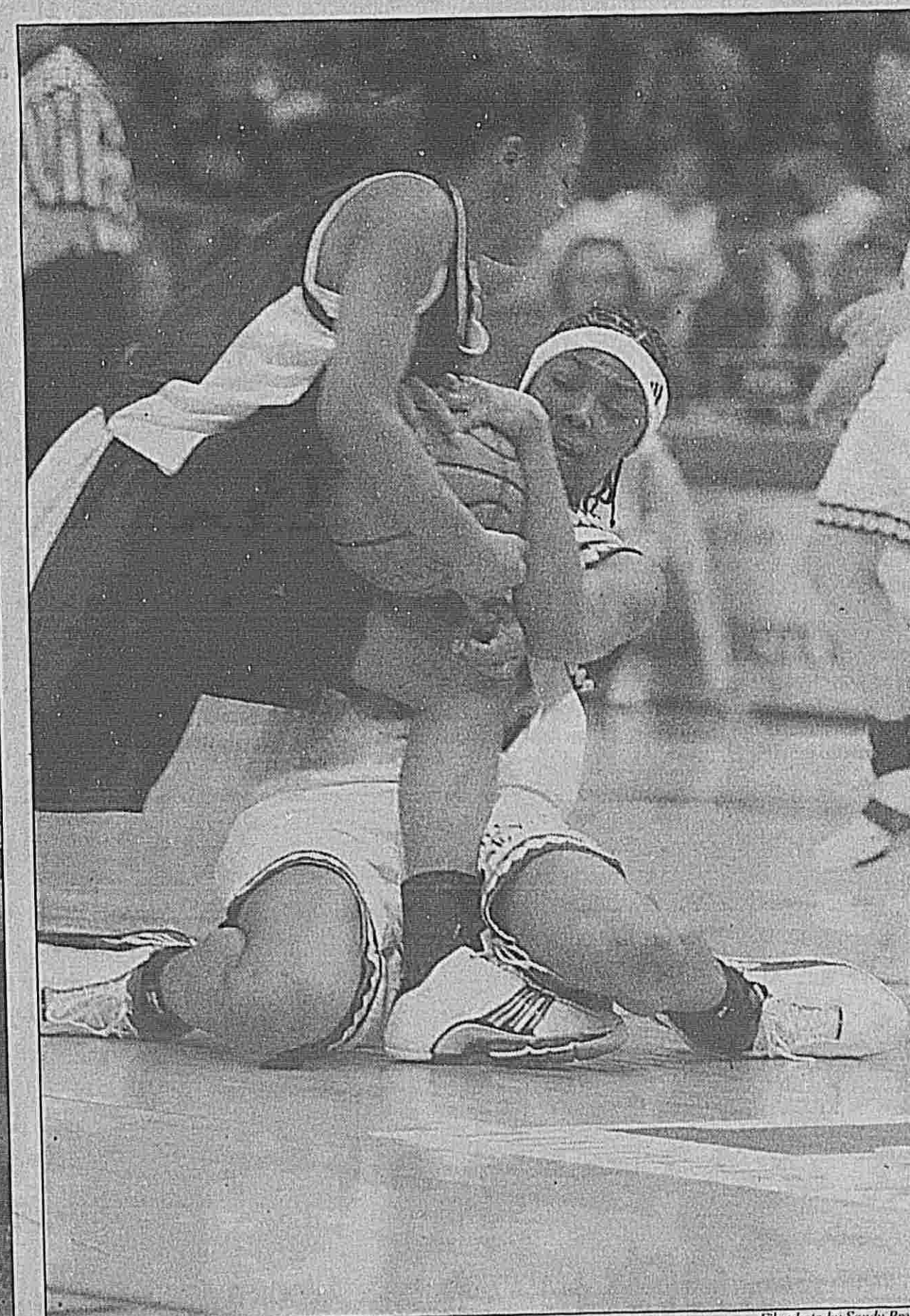


Waukegan High School's Dexter Landry takes a moment to himself on the bench in the final seconds of the Bulldogs' 70-58 Super-sectional loss to Glenbrook North at Loyola University's Gentile Center in Chicago.



Carmel High School's Andrew Federer is turned upside down into a cradle position attempt during a match against Wauconda's John Champion during the IHSA Individual Regional Wrestling Tournament at Libertyville High School.

*The best sports photos
of the winter season*



Warren Township High School's T.K. LaFleur, who is headed to Nebraska next fall, battles for the ball during the first round of the state tournament at Illinois State University's Redbird Arena. The Lady Blue Devils were defeated 47-32 by Chicago's Whitney Young High School.

SOFTBALL



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Carmel High School pitcher Emily Perrenot bunts a ball tossed by catcher Jessica Allen during a practice with the school's varsity softball team in Mundelein.

ANTIOCH

Despite losing a trio of All-North Suburban Conference selections, Katie Korecek, Carolyn Cooley and Jackie Schmit, to graduation, Antioch softball coach Julie Sexton feels a solid season lies ahead for the Sequoits.

"I'm really optimistic," Sexton said. "I think we have a really good shot at being very competitive. We made a really good showing in conference last year (third) and I think we can be even more competitive this year."

That's because Sexton feels her team is really strong up the middle, starting with catcher Jill Norwick and center fielder Kim Schmit, who is moving over from right field to replace her older sister.

"Jill is so quick behind the plate and she has a cannon for an arm," Sexton said. "Plus she really learned the game last year. She learned how to be a catcher and she's also a big force at the plate."

"And Kim has every bit an accurate arm as her sister. She has great anticipation and reads the ball off the bat well. She's a very smart player."

Antioch also returns the pitching duo of sophomore April Mysliwiec and senior Lanaya Gutowski.

"They're a real one-two punch for us," Sexton said. "They were very effective last year. They throw a lot of fast and drop pitches."

The team also returns senior first baseman Loren Scarbrough, who was forced to miss last year due to knee surgery.

"She gives us stability and a real strong bat," Sexton said. "Plus I think she's mad that she missed last year so she has a lot of fire."

The team will also rely on the play of senior Selina Spiller, who will make the move from second base to shortstop.

All of those things leave Sexton confident in her team's chances this year.

"We would love for us to finish in the top two in conference and win a regional championship at the very least," Sexton said. "We're going to have to go through Mundelein and Stevenson, just like last year."

CARMEL

High school sports typically run in cycles, with teams ebbing and flowing as impressive classes come to fruition, power a team to higher levels, only to graduate leaving the team depleted. For the Carmel softball program, coach Jason Raymond believes his team is on the better half of the graduation cycle.

"We should do pretty well, we have 13 players back out of 14 because we only graduated one senior," Raymond said. "We expect to greatly improve from the 13-21-1 mark we set last year."

The Corsairs have a few missions to accomplish during this season, particularly in the win-loss department.

"We talked about some goals in our team meeting, but 20 wins is always a goal that every team sets," Raymond said. "We did that two years ago, then we went through some growing pains and now we should do pretty well."

Senior infielder Peggy Zizzo and pitcher Emily Perrenot should provide some assistance to Raymond in his goals for the team. Zizzo led the team offensively last season, with an impressive .390 batting average while Perrenot's arm caught the attention of college recruiters and she has already verbally committed to Bethel College.

"Peggy Zizzo should do well for us, this will be her third year on varsity, she's a shortstop with a great arm," Raymond said. "Emily Perrenot was a 20-game winner two years ago and she's a good defensive pitcher for us."

As much as the team has already improved from last season's tough run, the future seems that much brighter due to the large number of battle-tested sophomores with the team.

"We have a lot of talent in the sophomore class, we started five freshmen last year and we had a lot of freshmen mistakes and hopefully they now have enough experience to put that past them," Raymond said. "This year, we have six sophomores who should contribute. Katie Gray, who's a switch hitter with good speed and good defense. Chloe Lillig was on the sophomore team last year as a freshman, has a nice

riseball. Erin Heatherman was our third leading hitter as a freshman, plays every position and is a good contact hitter."

With his roster, Raymond hopes to take the ebb out of the ebb and flow of a high school program.

"We're working toward consistency, two years ago was my first year, we graduated a lot of crucial seniors that year," Raymond said. "Last year was a sort of bridge to this year and our returning players should lead us to a good season."

GRANT

Time was when softball players used to see their first softball play when practiced opened in February.

That is not the case anymore at Grant High School, and coach Erin Notraino hopes the off-season commitment will mean a banner season for the Bulldogs. Grant would like to challenge Zion-Benton for the NSC Prairie Division crown as one of its top goals.

"We have four players who played on traveling teams during the off-season. I think that we have turned the program around in that regard," Notraino said.

Senior Sarah Patterson and junior Katy Wicinski lead the pitching staff.

"Katy definitely has the speed. Sarah is very reliable," Notraino said.

Senior Amanda Alaimo is back for her fourth season at third base. Top hitters for Grant could be all-NSC Lauren Liles, Kari Ann Hill and Lane Tichter.

"Lauren played catcher last year, but she may switch to shortstop and share that with Tichter," Notraino said. "I am really looking forward to the season. This could be our year."

Ashley Precht, a junior outfielder, could be another player to watch. Becka Gonyo is back and Meredith Lutz, a junior, is expected to play first base.

Just getting some outside practice time, preferably even games, would be nice in March.

"Last year, we got all our games in. It would be nice to get a game in to see how we work as a team," Notraino said.

Grant was 15-20 last year, gaining respectability with a third-place NSC Prairie finish.

GRAYSLAKE

It sounds simple enough, but in softball whichever team scores more runs will win the game. Unfortunately, Grayslake came up on the short end of the stick in several pitching duels last season.

Despite a 1.36 ERA and 230 strikeouts from star hurler Lea Corcoran, she finished just 13-16 as the Rams went 16-20 overall and 7-13 in the Fox Valley Conference.

Grayslake coach Stacy Selle is hoping that turns around this season.

"We lost a lot of low-scoring games last year," Selle said. "But the defense got a lot better at the end of last year, now we just need some consistency with our hitting so we can score some runs for Lea. Now that we have some experience, I think it will pay off."

"We've been working on our short game. We're going to need to bunt and get slap hits and manufacture some runs."

Although she's big on the mound, Corcoran is also Grayslake's best hitter, racking up a .404 average, eight homers, four triples, 31 RBI and 16 runs scored last season. All of those numbers were team highs.

Her battery mate, catcher Hannah Michal, is also back as are shortstop Anna Snyder, center fielder Kristin Alling and second baseman Katelyn Blanas, all of whom are key to

Grayslake's hitting attack.

"I'm excited because we have so much returning," Selle said. "We had a young team last year, but now they're maturing and growing. We have a lot of experience up the middle."

Those players will look to combine with newcomers Stephanie Richter and Stephanie Hosford to give the Rams a potentially strong lineup.

Despite finishing under .500 last season, Selle has high hopes for her team this year.

"The Fox Valley is a big softball conference but I think we can finish near the top," Selle said. "We only lost one senior, so a lot of the girls want to win a regional this year. We were right there at the end of last year. Those are all realistic goals for us."

LIBERTYVILLE

First-year Libertyville head softball coach Patty Mascia said the Wildcats were headed into a "growing season" this year.

The fact that Mascia was an assistant on the team the past four seasons has helped the girls adjust to having a new coach at the helm of the program.

"The kids are definitely excited and enthusiastic about the change," she said.

The Wildcats will be going through a bit of a rebuilding phase this year, as they return only five players from last season's team.

Senior Michelle Lechy will resume her spot on the mound as the No. 1 starting pitcher. Other seniors back on the squad this season are shortstop Natalie Chase, third/first baseman Heather Gahagan and center fielder Andrea Beahringer, who blew out her knee last playing basketball and had to sit out last year.

Two juniors will also return to the team this year in catcher Emily Field and right fielder/pitcher Gina DeMarco.

After that, the team is strictly comprised of newcomers.

"The mix of kids on the team this year is fantastic," Mascia said. "We also brought up two freshmen (Katie Larson and Katie Pfund) so we have experience mixed with inexperience. It's nice to see leadership from certain players who are bringing the younger players into what varsity is all about."

First-year players on the team include juniors Kristin Bosak and Kari Guaranaccio, along with sophomores Nikki Velez and Lauren Formica.

Mascia said many of the players on this year's team have the ability to play a variety of positions.

"The good thing about this team is everybody is going to be pretty versatile as far as where they are playing," she said. "It's a great team effort, so that's pretty nice to have."

Mascia added that she has sat down with each player this spring to help them establish their individual goals for the season, which she said in the end will help accomplish the team's overall goals.

"The difference between last year's squad and this year's is this year's team is completely focused and dedicated to working together to score up some wins," she said.

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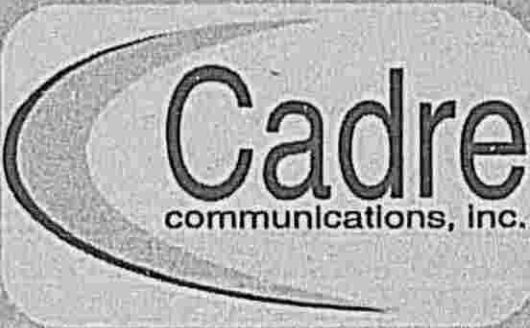
A coaching change can be a tumultuous time for a sports program – especially for one as successful as the Mundelein softball team. After finishing at an impressive 27-10 mark last season, Ted Juske has replaced Toni Campbell as head coach.

While Juske has prior experience coaching the Mustangs, none of the players he had coached during his previous tenure now attend the school. As a result, there will be a learning curve, even within a position Juske has already held.

"It's difficult for me and it's difficult for

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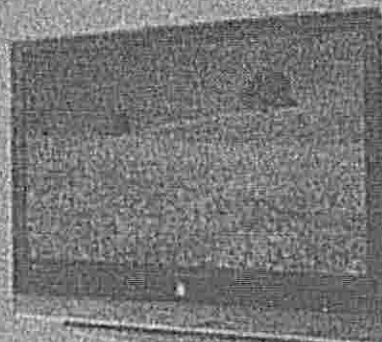
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them," Juske said. "A lot of great players have come through this school and have had great work ethic. Right now, they're pretty much on auto-pilot because of how well coach Campbell had them trained."

Despite his familiarity with the program, Juske has been forced to look at the softball team as a new coach learning the ropes of the trade.

"They just hired me a week ago, and in the past, the kids knew me and I knew the kids, but now it's pretty awkward," Juske said. "I'm just starting to learn the kids and I don't know the rest of the North Suburban Conference these days."

As for the team, the Mustangs are returning a number of weapons from their successful bid last season. Juske expects big things for senior infielder Ana Antonetti and sophomore pitcher Lauren Ott in the upcoming season.

"Our leader will definitely be Ana Antonetti, she looks like she'll be our short-stop," Juske said. "She's been a good athlete for three years and she reminds me of the players I've had in the past. She represents everything that's been good about Mundelein softball, excellent player, great attitude."

As for Ott, Juske believes her pitching style belies her relative lack of experience as a sophomore.

"I think you'll hear a lot about Lauren Ott, she's a second year pitcher as a sophomore, but she'll be our main pitcher," Juske said. "She's got really quick reaction, strong throw, accurate. She'll be the Greg Maddux of softball, but she's younger and quicker than Maddux. Lauren has a good fastball, good location and brings a lot of pitches to the mound."

Preseason expectations are treated like a four-letter word in the new regime. For now, Juske will only say his team will do the best it can.

"We need to play one game at a time," Juske said. "I obviously didn't come here to try and lose state, but it would be nice to win the conference, regional and the sectional."

ROUND LAKE

Graduation can be a devastating thing for a high school team, and for the Round Lake Panthers, it was especially hard this season. After fielding a team entirely from the class of 2004, Round Lake coach Barry Gurvey is back to square one this season.

"We're really young this year because we lost our whole starting lineup to graduation and that's going to be a challenge," Gurvey said. "For this season, we're starting three freshmen, two sophomores and really the only goal for us is to be ahead at the end of the season of where we are now."

After finishing at a dismal 8-24 last season and returning no players from that starting lineup, Gurvey is simply looking to improve. Pitching is the main problem for the Panthers team and Gurvey thinks this will again be a problem for his team.

"Our main problem is that we don't have that workhorse of a pitcher," Gurvey said. "90-percent of this game is pitching, but we're going to have to make up our lack of pitching with defense."

Pitcher Megan Henry and outfielder Brianna Sehr are Round Lake's only seniors. While Henry was unable to capture any wins last season, Gurvey expects big things from her during this campaign.

"Megan Henry is in her second year on varsity and she's been looking good," Gurvey said. "I'm excited to see what she can do for us this season. She threw in 11 games last season and took a couple of them down to the wire."

While Round Lake's outlook isn't exactly rosy for this season, the Panthers' future could become a bit brighter with a crop of good



File photo by Sandy Bressner

Mundelein sophomore Lauren Ott unleashes a pitch in a game last season. Ott, Lakeland Newspapers' 2004 Rookie of the Year, will be key to Mundelein's success this season.

underclassmen.

"(Freshman) Karla Muldowney looks to be an all-around player and can field multiple positions," Gurvey said. "Our other freshman Amber Chayer has a lot of experience in the summer leagues and she swings a good stick, so we could see big things from our freshmen."

When Gurvey looks at his prospects for the season, the only thing he sees is the future. He might not promise a league championship for 2005, but he does promise better things to come for the Round Lake softball team.

"I don't come into a season with a set group of goals like win totals or anything, really this season is all about improvement," Gurvey said. "Hopefully our two seniors can have a positive experience, but we're trying to rebuild a team this season."

WARREN

Warren's softball certainly had its share of problems last season, as its 9-22 overall record and 2-8 mark in the North Suburban Lake division record would indicate, but head coach Deb Brown is confident that her team is ready for a dramatic turnaround.

"Hopefully those growing pains we had last year will turn into some wins," Brown said. "The kids look great and they've been working hard. I think we'll be pretty tough."

Offensively, the Devils will rely on the play of power hitters Suzanne Gersich and Brittany Jones. Brown said Jessica Hallissey also has some pop in her bat.

But the key offensively won't be the mashers, instead it will be the ability of table setters Carley Karwoski, Marissa Bell and Stephanie Notson getting on base. Maggie McWhorter will also be key, according to Brown.

"We're a small team, but we're very quick," Brown said. "We're looking to be really aggressive on the bases. If our hitters can get on, we'll run them. I think we have enough experience and confidence to take some risks."

"We have a lot of depth and diversity offensively. We can differ our attack depending on the situation."

The Devils also have a trio of solid pitchers in sophomore Alissa Groeninger and juniors Courtney Whitlock and Danielle Henry.

"Courtney moves the ball around well and Danielle has a lot of speed on her pitches," Brown said. "But Alissa will be the key. She really brings it."

While Brown is confident in her team's offense and pitching, it's the defense that sometimes leaves her scratching her head in frustration. That's exactly what happened in Warren's season opener against Zion-Benton. The Devils had a late lead, but several errors in the final two innings led to a 6-5 loss to the Zee-Bees.

"If you make an error, you can't keep doing it. We can't have a domino effect in the field," Brown said. "The girls seem to panic when we get a runner on and we can't do that. They just can't worry about it."

Still, Brown thinks her team is capable of a lot more this season.

"We've won 8 and 9 games the last two years," Brown said. "So I want us to win at least that much combined this year. There's no more excuses; we have to execute."

WAUCONDA

With a 2-28 overall record last season, there is really only one direction for the Wauconda softball program to go, up. Bulldogs coach Tim Rennels is confident his team can grow from last year's lowly status.

"We're definitely going to improve on last year, we're going to gel as a team and we have a lot of players returning from last year's team," Rennels said. "We had about six or seven underclassmen who matured a lot in their playing time last year."

Rennels blames the poor showing on a mix of a lack of experience and confidence over the course of the season.

"They went through a really bad start at 0-17 and most of them hadn't ever been in that position before and they got discouraged and lost a bit of confidence," Rennels said. "Numbers don't reflect how they started to play

well at the end of the season because we put up a good ballgame at Regional. In the summer, the core group stayed together and this is a really a work in progress."

However, Wauconda games aren't the only source of experience for this year's roster as many of the Bulldogs participate in off-season leagues. The sheer volume of playing time excites Rennels about the prospects of this season.

"This is a group that is starting to coalesce and that's very good for a softball team," Rennels said. "I've had contact with a number of the players several years and a lot of the girls have played summer ball with me and played travel ball. In years past, a lot of our players didn't take part in travel ball, now a majority of this year's team have that valuable experience."

Rennels expects big things from senior Jenny Matesi, sophomore Amanda Nance and senior Lauren Jenkins. Rennels hopes the trio can provide good leadership for the Bulldog roster.

"Jenny Matesi should really do some good things for us and she plays multiple positions including center field and starting pitcher. Overall, she's speedy and has a lot of tools," Rennels said. "I'd like to see a breakout year for Lauren Jenkins, she started last year, Amanda Nance, three year varsity starter, a girl that came in wet behind the ears and grew as a player."

While the road will certainly have its fair share of challenges, the Bulldogs have their eyes set on making a splash in conference action.

"Even with the record, last year was a good group of girls and a lot of the work we started continues," Rennels said. "We hope to be competitive in the Prairie Division and the Grant and Round Lake games should be challenging match-ups that could go either way."

WAUKEGAN

Waukegan's softball team is a unique situation. They're young. They're experienced. It's a good situation for coach Shane Schueneman to be in.

Experience comes in the form of two all-conference players. Senior captains Katie Colver, second base and Nichole Holland, catcher, will be looked at to lead the team, Schueneman said.

Both players can hit well, Schueneman said. Holland hit over .500 in conference play last season.

Schueneman said he expects a lot from his seniors. But also expects good things from his underclassmen. Among those underclassmen are sophomores Liz Colver, third base and Megan Haggerty. The two girls will share captain responsibilities with the elder Colver and Holland.

Liz Colver and Haggerty are among six sophomores on the varsity squad. There are also three freshmen.

It should come as no surprise that a team that young will rely on young arms during the season. Freshman pitcher Shaniqua O'Neal and sophomore-hurder Jennifer Jensen are expected to top the rotation.

While young, both have showed potential, Schueneman said.

The team is working to improve on a 7-24 record that saw them come together late in the season and narrowly lose to the second seeded Highland Park in the second round of the regional last season.

The game was decided on an error in the final inning. Team members haven't forgotten how close they were, Schueneman said.

Not a single girl from the regional team, as graduated, and all are ready to make a push to a successful season.

"(The loss) was tough," Schueneman said. "It's going to benefit us this year and years to come. We'll be a solid team."



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GIRLS SOCCER

ANTIOCH

Having nine starters back is bound to make any coach happy about his team's prospects. That's certainly true in the case of Antioch's Charlie Trout.

"I think we can have a nice team," said Trout, whose team went 12-9-2 last season. "The pieces are all there and the attitude is good. We're just hoping the ball bounces our way."

Back to lead the team are All-North Suburban Conference selections Gina Florian and Kelsey Morway. Florian is the school's 5th all-time leading scorer and Morway is 6th and is just a junior.

Keeper Amanda Otten, Jessica Stein, Megan Placko, Maria Korosis, Dana Blocker, Allison Blazer and Sarah Lincoln are also returning starters. Freshman Susie O'Connor is also looking to make an impact.

The team started with a 0-0 tie against Cary-Grove Tuesday night.

"It was just our second day on a field, so I was pleased with the results," Trout said. "The girls did a nice job."

CARMEL

When a team is endeared with a star, it makes winning that much easier. For the Carmel Corsairs, that player is Kendall Brown who scored 42 goals last season alone. Brown, along with the help of Amy Rinehart, Lizz Brennan and Liane Fiore should help build on last season's 16-5-4 mark.

Carmel coach John Halloran is aiming high for his talented roster of Corsairs. His goals are already set on no less than the Illinois High School Association's title.

"I think we have a great team and we could be a contender to go down to state," Halloran said. "We have a great core of seniors coming back for us and I'm really glad to be coaching them."

While Carmel is coming to the table relatively intact, graduation did take its toll.

"I lost a couple of key teammates from last year and that makes things a bit harder for me," Brown said. "But we should still be able to win the conference championship with this team."

GRANT

Grant Community High School girls soccer coach Shane Rivette has reason to be optimistic, but he just wishes that Mother Nature would grant some better springtime conditions.

"We can be optimistic. But this year, we have not been outside as we have in the past. Generally, it is one or two days inside, then you go outside," Rivette said.

The Bulldogs lose last year's stars that led them to a sectional final. Lissa Cobby had an outstanding career, achieving the No. 7 ranking in all-time state scorers. Claire Glass, another veteran, also graduated. Cobby gained a scholarship to attend Xavier University. The Bulldogs made the sectional finals last year.

Senior Renee Grisheau and sophomore Chapin Wehde, a sophomore who played on the varsity last year as a frosh, are the top goalie candidates.

Seniors Pam Staton, who is also on the track and field team, and Cassie Newton are

back. Chi Chi Decker is a senior, but in her first year for soccer. Staton also has played football and finished seventh in the state cross country meet this year.

GRAYSLAKE

Graduation is tough on any team, but that is especially true for Grayslake's girls soccer team. The Rams lost four players to graduation, Bethany Russ, Kim Gottsacker, Amy Jenkins and Erica Faden, each of whom has gone on to play college soccer, from last year's team that went 11-9-3 overall and 6-4 in the Fox Valley Conference.

Still, head coach Mike McCaulou likes what he sees so far from this year's team, which continues to have high expectations.

Back to lead the Rams are All-Fox Valley Conference selections Kendall Dohm (14 goals, 8 assists in 2004) and goalkeeper Vikki Purdy, who tied the school record with seven shutouts last season.

Also back are key players Liz Metzler, Kelsey Lallansack, Alyssa Lunt and Katie Biesaida.

"We've been knocked off by Lake Zurich in the second round the last two years, so we want to make the regional final this year," McCaulou said. "We have a top-heavy schedule with the Buffalo Grove Invite and Lake Zurich, so we're hoping it helps us this season."

LIBERTYVILLE

The Libertyville girls soccer team had its ups and downs last season, mainly due to its youth. The Wildcats finished with a 7-10-4 record and lost to Warren in the regional semi-final game 1-0.

Two of the team's leaders — midfielder Mary Sturgeon and defender Bernie Dierker — have since graduated, departing for San Diego State University and Arkansas State University,



Photo by John Dickson

Jenny Sheets, a Grant High School junior, takes control of the ball during a corner kick exercise while practicing with the girls soccer team.

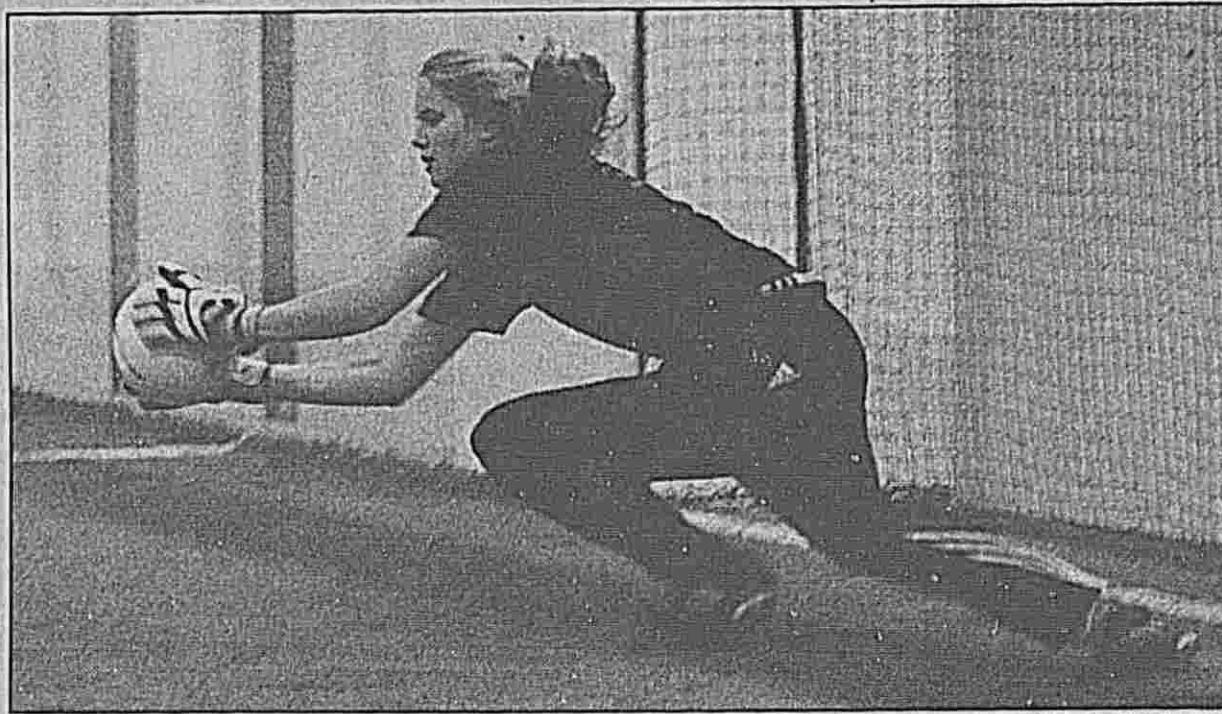


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Kall Felereisel, a goalie for the Libertyville Wildcats, dives for a goal kick, during the team's practice at the Libertyville Sports Complex.

respectively.

But, with a plethora of key returning players, Libertyville head coach Scott Schinto said he is approaching the season with guarded optimism.

"Obviously everybody's goal in the back of their minds is to get down state," Schinto said. "Is that a realistic goal for us? I don't know. It's too early to tell."

With just five seniors on the team, Schinto said some of his talented underclassmen (six juniors, 20 sophomores and five freshmen) would have to step up as well.

"We have a lot of kids that are excited about playing and are excited about this season but we'll see what happens," he said.

MUNDELEIN

If Tuesday night's game can be used as any indication, there will be nothing but good for the Mustangs girls soccer team. After a 4-1 win against the Warren Blue Devils, two highly touted Mundelein players have seemingly lived up to the expectations that preceded them. 2004 All-Conference Honorable Mention Ammanda Wisniewski and Melanie Rasor scored two goals apiece en route to the big win.

Last season wasn't too shabby either, as the Mustangs were able to put together a 15-9 campaign in 2004. Last season started on an impressive note, as Mundelein began the year with an impressive 11-2 record.

As for this season, Mundelein coach Chris Sell does have some experience within his squad with two seniors leading the way. Danielle Allen and Jessica Pomazal provide the anchor of the team while a large junior class should also provide some more leadership. Sarah Miller will also be counted on for a big contribution.

WARREN

Injuries will certainly happen to every team during the course of the season, but Warren's girls soccer team has been bitten by the injury bug before the season has even kicked off.

First, star scorer Giuleana Lopez (26 goals, 9 assists in 2004) went down with a torn knee during basketball season, and likely won't be back until May. Kelly Laughlin (7 goals, 5 assists) is also out until May with a torn ACL. Then Alli Reed went down with a hip injury and will likely miss a few weeks.

Oh yeah, the Devils also lost star Natalie Kohn (10 goals, 21 assists) to the University of Alabama. Still, head coach Jeff Knouse is expecting big things from his team, including a potential conference title.

"Like any other year, conference will be extremely competitive, with every game a battle," Knouse said. "But I think we can be pretty successful."

Junior keeper Cassi Kita is back, and brings her 12 shutouts from last season with her. Also back are key players Lauren Carnick, Erin Mruz and Sam Reed.

"I think our youth will actually be a strength for us," Knouse said. "We have a lot of tenacity. The kids are willing to work hard and do what's asked of them."

WAUCONDA

Bulldogs coach Terry Stevig's philosophy for his team is both sweet and simple: the girls go out and have fun. With a 13-6 overall record last season, it was pretty easy to have fun with the Wauconda squad, however, there are some concrete goals for the team.

"The goal of any season is just to have a good season where the kids can feel good about they've done," Stevig said. "We hope to do well in our conference, we hope to compete in the sectionals and we hope to get to state."

The fate of the Bulldogs hinges on a core group of seniors to lead the team to the promised land. Another player Stevig is banking on is goalie Sarah Maness as she is the final barrier between the opponent and the goal.

"We have three girls that have been on the team for four years," Stevig said. "We have Krista Llewellyn, Kirsten Kraus and defender Megan Kordas. What we've got is one solid person at every position."

WAUKEGAN

One can't blame Waukegan girl's soccer coach Eric Farr for not yet knowing the potential of his team.

He did graduate the majority of the starters from last year's team. And inclement weather has confined this year's squad to indoor practices, not allowing him to see their full talents.

"We still need to get a feel for them," Farr said.

There are two things Farr is certain of, however. The team is young. Really young. It's mostly sophomores and juniors, Farr said.

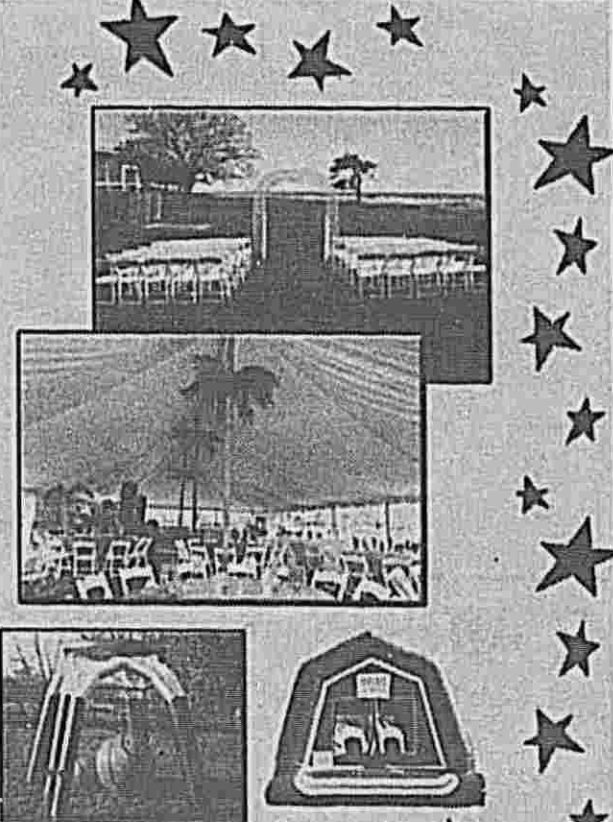
And along with that, they are hard workers, he added. He sees that girls are working hard to elevate the team beyond their 3-13 record from a year ago, Farr said.

Doing so will require work. The bulldogs play in a tough CSL conference, and Farr said he expects to get most of the team's wins outside of the conference.

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TENNIS

ANTIOCH

Although weather has virtually crippled Antioch's ability to practice, head coach Bryan Plinske has liked what he's seen in limited action.

"I'm expecting good things from this team," Plinske said. "We have a great group of guys and they seem to be tight."

Stepping into leadership roles are singles player Andrew Nichols and doubles player Ryan Leng. They will look to combine with junior Robbie Scupham and freshman Charlie Scupham to give the Sequoias a solid top of the lineup. Peter Scheidt and Chase Behrendt will also be key doubles players.

"We just want to go out and have fun every day," Plinske said. "We also want to give 100 percent everyday and hopefully have some guys qualify for state. I think we have some guys who are legitimate contenders to do just that."

CARMEL

Excitement is a word that comes easily to Carmel coach Nancy Fehn when she speaks about her team's prospects this season. With numerous returning veterans, there isn't a coach out there who would argue with Fehn's position.

"With my boys varsity tennis, I've got a very deep team," Fehn said. "They're all very good and we've always done well in our conference. It would be nice to finally be able to win the conference, but we have the ability to do it if our guys stay focused."

Fehn believes the team can excel at both the singles and doubles division with the talent the Corsairs have amassed.

"Senior Nick Andres (17-10 final record), he is playing singles (and) has improved an awful lot, my second singles is left up to Brian Salvi (11-1 final record) who will also be playing doubles with Joey Holguin who's a terrific athlete and has worked on his game during the off-season."

Optimism is running high with the Carmel tennis crew and Fehn is confident with this year's squad.

"I would say we're going to do well knowing the kids I have this year," Fehn said. "I've lost some kids, but this is a really beautiful group of kids that I've got. I think that they can do it."

GRANT

Even with the temperature at the freezing mark with a wind chill to boot, it is better to be practicing tennis outdoors than practicing ground strokes where one usually shoots free throws.

"We were out for about an hour and 45 minutes today. The kids have had fantastic, good attitudes about it, dressing appropriately. They would rather practice outside in the cold than inside," said coach Justin Smith.

Smith is hopeful numbers of players will translate into a successful season.

"We have 40 kids out, 16 on the varsity and 24 on the junior varsity. A lot of other schools wish that they could say that," he said.

Key returnees are Bryan Mark, Eduardo Solis and Zach Williams. They are joined by newcomer Alex Marginean, a freshman who has impressed in early-season drills. "Alex is a good surprise. He has a lot of natural tennis ability, the demeanor and intensity," Smith said.

Smith said a key will be flexibility between singles and doubles depending on what it takes to win that day. The North Suburban Conference favors doubles with three doubles and two singles each match. "I think that flexibility benefited us at the end last year," he said.

Mark is another strength, in his fourth year in tennis.

The suggested schedule has the Bulldogs, seven wins last year, at Warren March 30, at Wilmot April 5 and Mundelein April 12 before finally getting a home match April 14 against Libertyville. Perhaps by then, spring will have taken hold.

Toughest Prairie Division foes, Smith said, are expected to be Vernon Hills and Wauconda.

Smith, in his fourth year, is assisted by Dave Kapraun and Frank Cittadino.

GRAYSLAKE

For the past three years, Grayslake senior tennis player Neil Lesinski has been the face of the program, with two straight state tournament appearances, including a top-16 finish last year.

While Lesinski will still be counted on to lead the Rams this season on his way to yet another state appearance, there is now a solid supporting cast looking to push Grayslake to a more successful season as a team.

"It's been a longtime coming for us," Grayslake coach Jim Roscoe said. "This is the first time I've had an experienced lineup in years. We're usually in the middle of the pack in the Fox Valley Conference, now I think we can move up."

Neil Naolhu gives Grayslake a solid option at No. 2 singles and a big season is also expected from the No. 1 doubles tandem of Tyler Depke and Carl Hauck.

"They were .500 last year," Roscoe said of the trio. "I'm looking for them to improve greatly this year. These kids have worked hard for two years, they deserve to see some results (as a team)."

LIBERTYVILLE

Libertyville's boys tennis team was dealt a major blow prior to the season when junior Nick Boulteris, who finished top-24 in the state as a sophomore, decided not to go out for the team, instead choosing to focus on his national ranking.

"It's really disappointing that he didn't come out for the team, it's devastating," head coach Dan Kiernan said. "But he told me he's definitely coming out for the team next year."

The team is now forced into rebuilding mode, as junior doubles player Jimmy Zimmerman is now moving into the No. 1 singles slot. Vivek Raman is slated for the No. 2 singles slot.

Doubles is still a question mark, though, as No. 1 doubles player Peter Hirschenbach will miss the entire season with an injury.

"Doubles was our weak link last year and it will still be rebuilding this year," Kiernan said.

The Cats have five sophomores on the varsity roster this season, so Kiernan simply wants his team to build for next year.

"We had some blows to the team, but the good news in that is it gives us a chance to give the young guys some experience," Kiernan said. "We're trying to build for a solid season next year."

MUNDELEIN

After only two wins last year and a roster with only two relatively untested returning varsity players, one thing is certain: Mundelein tennis coach Jim Ku is tired of rebuilding. But there's no choice but work toward a better future in the Mustangs camp.

"Honestly for this season, we have a whole brand new team, only two kids are coming back from the varsity team and they didn't play much," Ku said. "We may certainly take our lumps this year. With the returning varsity players, I don't know what to expect out of them, one is a senior (Dave Dandellegghem) and one is sophomore (Colin Moulton) and they really don't have much experience."

While returning players may not provide many high aspirations for 2005, Ku has found some hope in a relatively unlikely place.

"There is one freshman named Kevin Schulz, and he does not have much of a tennis background, but he is an accomplished racketball player and he participates in tournaments and he's turned out pretty well. The main thing we had to work on with him is serving and volley."

WARREN

Although Warren lost key players Jeff Nevolo and Cory Mlinac to graduation and all-state player Dennis Polyakov to Houston as a transfer, hopes remain high for the Devils as they continue their quest to be among the best teams in the state.

"We're getting better as a program every year," Warren coach Greg Cohen said. "We were 18th at state last year and third in conference, and we're obviously looking to better those numbers."

Cohen has reason to be confident as he has a pair of returning state qualifiers in junior Keith Moran and senior Karol Kocemba, who reached state last year with Nevolo.

But it's another Nevolo who has the area buzzing as freshman Dennis comes in with a lot of fanfare. He was the No. 1 ranked



Photo by John Dickson

Grant senior Bryan Mark returns a volley while his partner Alex Marginean, a freshman, watches, while the two played a doubles match during practice.

player in the nation in the 14-and-under bracket before turning 15 in December. He's now No. 17 nationally in the 16-and-under division.

Cohen feels that Nevolo has the chance to win a state title someday, perhaps even this year. Although, Warren will lose Nevolo's services for two weeks in April as he heads to the Easter Bowl in California, one of the biggest youth tournaments in the country.

The coach is also high on the prospects for doubles tandem Brian Silverstein and Dan Blaul. In all, it looks like a bright season ahead for Warren.

"Our goal is always to improve throughout the season," Cohen said. "We want to defeat the teams we should defeat and maybe knock off an upper team like Lake Forest or Stevenson."

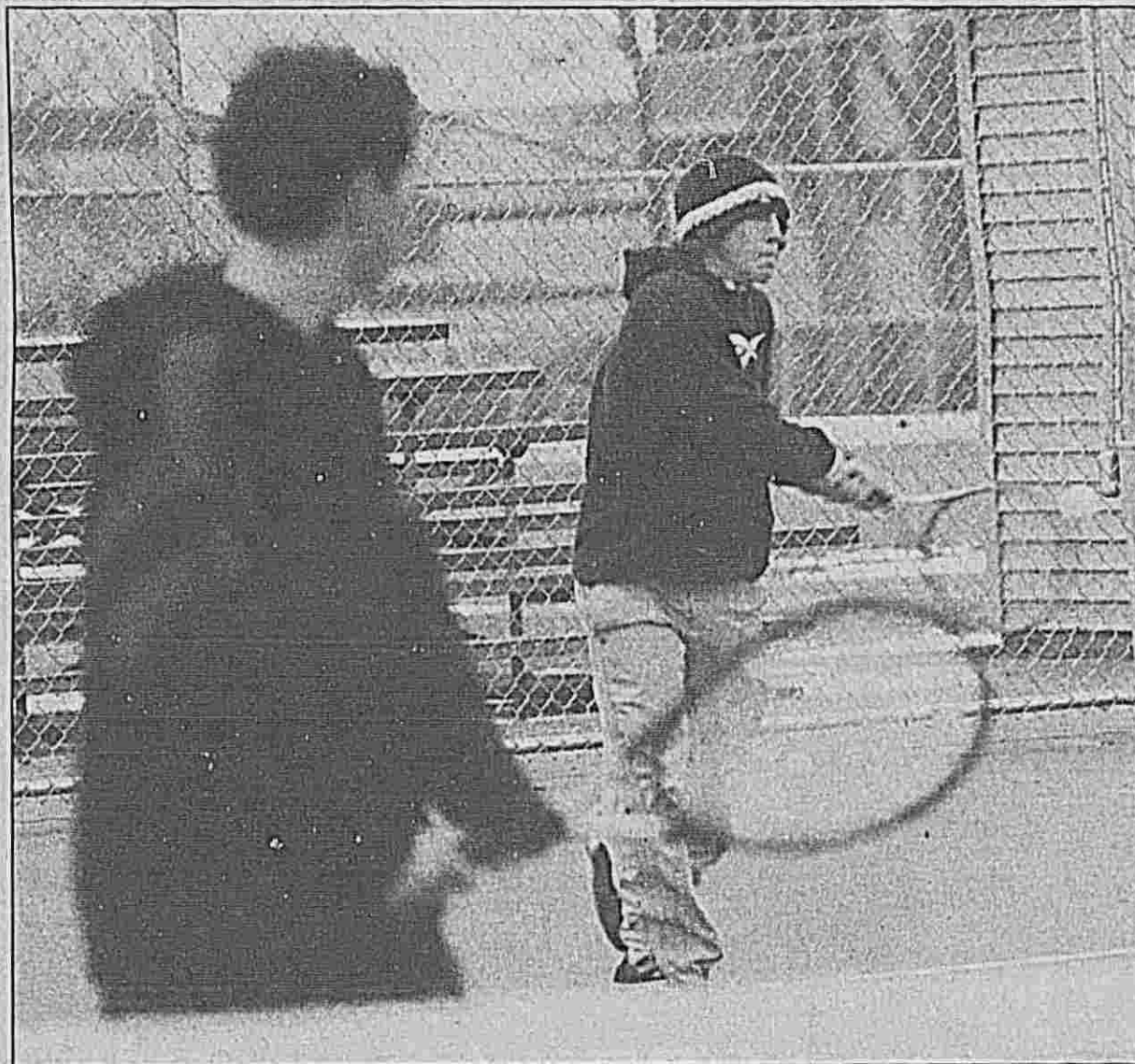


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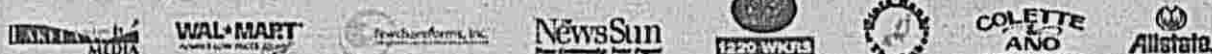
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Senior hitter Nick Rill of Carmel High School bumps the ball during a volley in a home game loss against Lake Forest in Mundelein.

VOLLEYBALL

ANTIOCH

Although Antioch lost several key members from last year's team that went 10-16, head coach Dustin Seeman still expects a lot from his Sequoias this season.

"I believe we're going to be really tough," Seeman said. "We've got five returning seniors from last year and four of them were starters. I have another two seniors who have decided to come back after not trying out last year."

The team's returning seniors include outside hitter John Barlow, setter James Doucet, middle blockers Ben Rozewicz and Eric Swanson and defensive specialist Dan Nelson. Outside hitter Dan Tybor and defensive specialist Mike Guadarrama are back after a one-year hiatus.

"Eric Swanson should be good for us," Seeman said. "He used to be a middle blocker, but now he works as a setter, you don't see many changes like that; but he's worked hard. Ben Rozewicz is another good player and Dan Nelson is our defensive specialist and a tough passer. John Barlow puts up good numbers for us at outside hitter. Kills and assists go to Eric Swanson and digs come from Dan (Nelson)."

With so many returning assets, Seeman expects his team to compete in the postseason.

"Our main goal is to be a competitor in the regionals," Seeman said. "I've seen a lot of area players in the off-season and I think we can compete with them. We'll be a lot stronger this year, I can promise you that."

CARMEL

The Carmel Corsairs volleyball team has set a tradition of excellence within the last few years with two consecutive conference title reigns - a tradition second year coach Sarah Yeager wants to uphold. Within an impressive 31-5 mark last season, Yeager might have a tough time improving on such a standard, but she is looking to advance farther in the state tournament.

"We're really not going for any specific win total, but we dropped some winnable games last season and we don't want to do that this year," Yeager said. "We would like to go to state, but we've got to focus on the regular season and then the tournaments later."

Carmel leaders include senior outside hitter Dan Krzmarzick, Nick Rill along with junior middle blocker Tom Hammer and defensive specialist Jimmy Murray. Even with these veterans, Yeager is busy tweaking the team's game for this season.

"We need to work on defense and blocking," Yeager said. "We're prone to mental mistakes down the stretch and that always hurts us defensively. Offense is our strong point and we're always going to have that, but defense wins close match-ups."

LIBERTYVILLE

The Libertyville boys volleyball team exploded to a 29-10 record last season, including a 5-1 showing in the North Suburban Conference Lake Division.

In order to repeat that success this year, the team will have to overcome the loss of key personnel, specifically Kevin Morkin and Steve Olson, who both graduated.

But several key players return to the Wildcats as well.

Seniors Matt Partain (defensive specialist), Wes Moran (middle blocker), Jake Anderson (setter), Ryan LaForce (outside hitter), Terry Hanlon (middle blocker) and Ryan Wood (defensive specialist/setter), along with junior outside hitter Jake Conrad will look to be major contributors this season.

Some of the team's newcomers include sophomore Christ Jacobson and juniors Dan Priest, Garret LaForce and Robb Leu.

The Wildcats opened the season Wednesday, when they hosted Deerfield. The team will next take on North Chicago at home on April 6.

MUNDELEIN

The Mundelein Mustangs boys volleyball team has been forced to reshuffle the cards a bit as graduation took seven senior mainstays away from the team. While the loss of such a large class may be hard for the team to overcome, Mustangs coach George Dresen has set a standard of excellence within the Mundelein locker room.

While the team lost a lot, this year's squad does have its fair share of experience in the form of defensive specialist Brian Clymer, setter Mike Harrington, middle blocker Nick Horndasch and setter Tyler Johnson. Each of these four players logged considerable points during the impressive 22-10 2004 run. Last year, the Mustangs were also deadly in conference action, going undefeated, easily taking the conference title.

The Mustangs should be able to keep their level of excellence in coming years as sophomores Spenser Clark, Chris Johnson, Mike McElligott, Ryan Sullivan and Justin Wallen should get some valuable playing time this season.

WARREN

Coming in from Barrington and, before that, Whitney Young in Chicago, new Warren boys volleyball coach Yun Chen has high hopes for his team this season.

Sure, the Blue Devils finished just 11-21 last season, but the team has several key players back and Chen is counting on them to lead the way.

"It was a down season, but this year should be much improved," Chen said. "We have some club players this year, so we just need to get them into the swing of high school volleyball."

Chen said that the efforts of senior setter Jason Drake, junior defensive specialist Mike Emerick, junior middle blocker Erik Bodine and junior outside hitter Eric Gustafson would all be key to the team's success.

"Defense and hitting are real strengths for us," Chen said. "We still need to work on our serving and passing."

As far as goals go, Chen wants his team to improve on last year's record, finish in the top-3 in the North Suburban Lake division and win some regional matches.

WAUKEGAN

While they have not established themselves with a win-loss record yet, Waukegan boys volleyball coach Rachel Wiatrowski said there is one thing she has noticed from her team.

"They hustle. They are a small, young team. But they are scrappy," Wiatrowski said. "More scrappy than teams in the past."

And they'll need to be scrappy. With little varsity experience on the team, a Central Suburban League schedule could be a tough one, Wiatrowski said.

Senior captain Gerardo Contreras, a middle blocker, is the lone player with varsity experience as a starter. Senior George Melcher also returns with some varsity experience.

The two will have to lead a sophomore-heavy team, Wiatrowski said.

If the boys play tough, they have the potential to exceed last year's 5-25 mark, Wiatrowski said.

State awards \$1.4M in grants to school libraries

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded grants totaling \$1.4 million to 735 public school districts to help provide library services to nearly 2 million students in more than 3,200 school libraries.

"Illinois was the first state in the nation to implement a public school library per capita grant program," White said. "Each year we award grants to help school libraries buy books, computers and other library materials. Funding can also be used to help librarians and staff with continuing education and professional development. These funds clearly help provide quality library services and enhance student learning."

White's office recently funded a major survey for the Illinois School Library Media Association, which showed student achievement in Illinois is positively impacted by the presence of libraries in schools.

The findings of the study indicated that school libraries help produce students who succeed on tests and achieve higher average reading and writing scores. Students who visit the school library more frequently receive better scores.

Students with access to better-staffed libraries, computers connected to library catalogs and databases and larger, more current book collections do better on tests and have higher test scores.

"Librarians and staff working in our school libraries are committed to seeing students achieve their utmost potential," White said. "I am pleased that this grant program helps keep our school libraries strong, and gives our students access to the essential resources they need to be successful and become lifelong learners."

Grant funds must be used to support the

services of the district's school library media program.

Funds may not be used for capital improvements such as shelving or wiring. This year's grants provide 72 cents per student to support school library services. Grants are available to tax supported public school districts that are members of one of Illinois' regional library systems.

School library grants

Grant money went to the following schools: Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34; Emmons Grade School District 33; Grant Community High School District 124, Fox Lake; Grayslake Community Consolidated School District 46; Grayslake Community High School District 127; Lake County High Schools Technology Campus 849; Oak Grove School District 68, Green Oaks; Gurnee School District 56; Warren Township High School District 121; Woodland CCSD 50; Big Hollow School District 38, Ingleside; Gavin School District 37, Ingleside; Johnsbury CUSD 12; Antioch Community High School District 117, Lake Villa; Lake Villa Community Consolidated School District 41; Lake Zurich Community Consolidated School District 95; Community High School District 128, Libertyville; Libertyville School District 70; Diamond Lake School District 76; Fremont School District 79, Mundelein; Mundelein Consolidated High School District 120; Mundelein Elementary School District 75; Round Lake Community School District 116; Fox Lake School District 114, Spring Grove; Wauconda Community Unit School District 118; Waukegan Community Unit School District 60.

CITIZENS

area, there's a large number of immigrant families who could apply for citizenship but are afraid because of how much it would cost."

Her parish's decision to join Lake County United led Rev. Meredith Potter to support an effort dear to her heart and life's experience. A vicar at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Deerfield, she jumped at the chance to bring her welcome background in community organization to the efforts.

Though born in America, Potter spent many of her formative years in Japan, where she attended high school. Her career brought her back to Chicago, where she worked at an Episcopal church that served as an amnesty site.

She believes that the New American Initiative represents a deep commitment to helping residents become more involved with their communities and countries.

"I have been acutely aware all my life of what it means to be a U.S. citizen," Potter said. "That was something that was deeply instilled into me by my parents when I lived overseas. So many of the things we take for

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granted as Americans, I saw people who didn't have those privileges."

Roughly 7,000 to 8,000 Lake County permanent legal residents may be eligible for U.S. Citizenship, which would allow them to vote and apply for certain government jobs.

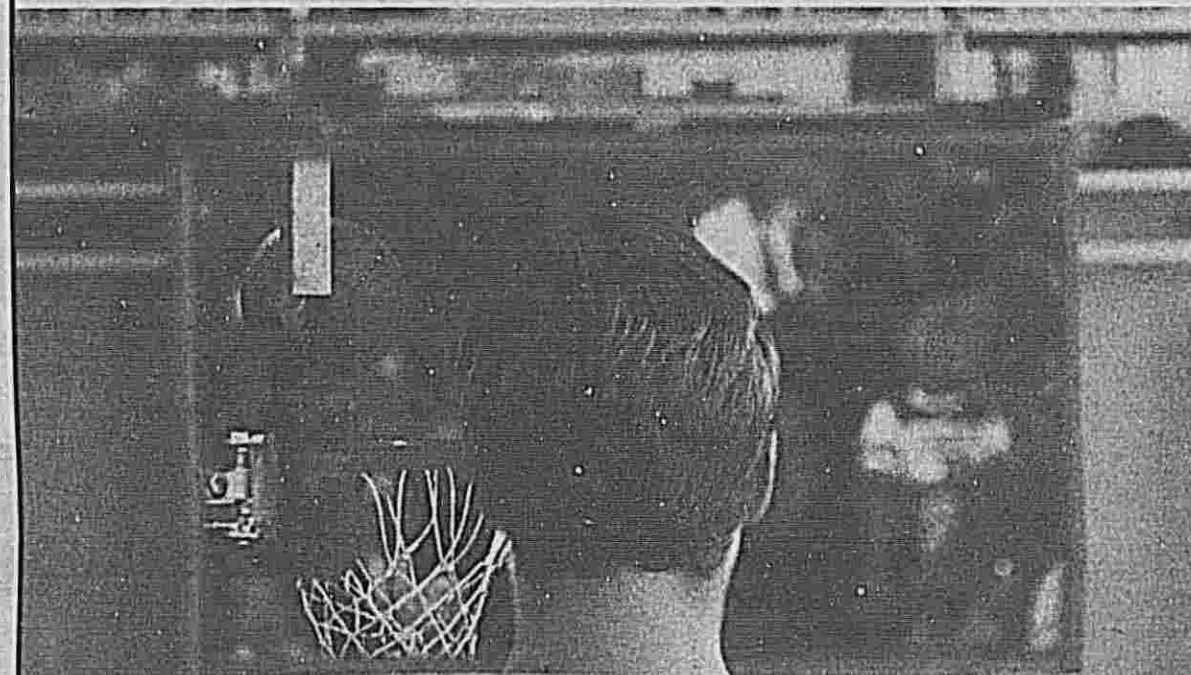
Many residents feel intimidated by a complex application process, and some worry about deportation and getting ripped off by con artists who take their money but do not represent their interests. New Americans Initiative volunteers do not charge attorney fees or expenses for helping to fill out applications, even taking photographs for the prospective citizens.

"New Americans are good Americans," Potter said. "People who don't take their citizenship for granted are people who will vote, who will never take their citizenship for granted, who will work for justice for other people."

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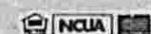
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Left—Amanda Flexenhar holds an 8-week-old yellow Labrador puppy with her mom, Laura Flexenhar, during the SEDOL Foundation's 14th Annual Heart of Gold Dinner Dance at Concorde Banquets in Lake Zurich. The puppy was sold during the dinner's auction for \$2,500. Center—Alexa Ruetz and Sarah Witek of the Libertyville Young Women's Club sold raffle tickets at the event. Right—Auction Chairperson Joan Lichter, SEDOL Foundation Chairman John Burnett and Benefit Chairperson Donna Mast mingle during the cocktail hour.



AROUND THE COUNTY

Talks of Waukegan casino license resurface

Last week, the Illinois Senate considered a proposal to expand gambling in Illinois, and bring additional riverboat gambling licenses to Waukegan, according to State Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis (R-Zion). A proposal for a land-based casino owned by the City of Chicago was approved by a partisan vote of the Senate Executive Committee. Senate Bill 19 establishes a 4,000-position casino in Chicago and adds two new riverboat gambling licenses for Waukegan and a location in the south suburbs. Existing riverboats will also be allowed to expand their gaming positions from 1,200 to 2,000.

Islam's passion for the living God

A timely panel discussion designed to lift the spirits of women during Easter Weekend when many are already turning their attention towards God. What does Ahmadi Muslim Community believe regarding the Living God? What is meant by the "Unity" of God or the "Beauties" of God? Interested women are invited to join them on March 26, at 2 p.m., in Zion at 2103 Gabriel Avenue. For more information, call 847-746-5585.

Meet Bears at breakfast

One of the most anticipated Power Breakfasts of the year is on tap in April: our annual Chicago Bears report. The show takes on a new flavor this year as the program explores "The Chicago Bears – then and now" This year's program features Ron Rivera, the team's Defensive Coordinator and Emory Moorehead, his teammate on the 1985 Super Bowl champion team. Moderator Hal Coxon gavel the monthly business forum to order at 7:30 a.m. April 6, at Midlane Golf Resort in Wadsworth, joined by a special co-host, former Bears wide receiver Glen Kozlowski. For reservations, contact Midlane Golf Resort at 847-360-0550.

Senator presented Friend of Animals Award

State Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis (R-Zion) was named one of the Animal Protective League of Springfield and Sangamon County's 2005 "Annual Friend of Animals."

The Annual Friend of Animals Award is given to individuals, groups, and organizations that demonstrate one or more acts that have significantly benefited an animal, or animals, in the previous calendar year. The Animal Protective League has been presenting these awards for almost a decade, and Senator Geo-Karis is proud to be one of three nominees chosen to receive the award this year.

New patient rooms to open at Condell

To accommodate Condell Medical Center's growing number of inpatients, construction of 18 new all-private patient rooms is nearing completion and expected to be finished by Summer 2005.

The 18 new rooms are located on the second floor, and will be an extension of the East 2 unit, which opened in August 2004.

Seniors face March 31 deadline for drug savings

The Chicago Area Access to Benefits Coalition reminds people with Medicare that a March 31 deadline is fast approaching. This credit of \$600 is available for eligible Medicare beneficiaries to help them save on their medications in 2005.

Terri Gendel of the Suburban Area Agency on Aging, one of the lead agencies of Chicago Area Access to Benefits Coalition, reminds Medicare consumers that, "March 31 is the deadline to sign up to get the full \$600 credit. Once the credit is used up, people who are enrolled can save even more money through special discounts that have been negotiated with drug manufacturers." There are more than 30 community-based organizations that are working together to help Medicare consumers enroll in this prescription drug savings program.

To qualify, consumers must have Medicare and an annual income of less than \$12,920 (for an individual) or \$17,321 (for a couple). They are not eligible for the credit if they get their prescriptions through Medicaid or the state's SeniorCare program.

Call the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging for more information at 800-528-2000.

AAUW meeting

A community forum, "Diversity Is Our Issue," will be presented by the Waukegan Area Branch of the American Association of University Women on April 12, at the Lake Villa Township offices, Caboose Park, at the intersections of Rte. 132 and Fairfield Road, Lake Villa. The meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. with ethnic snacks and beverages. From 7 to 8 p.m., a panel of organizations and individuals will identify primary needs regarding diversity within their respective constituencies and will also discuss concerns from the audience. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 847-244-9308.

National Alcohol Screening Day

The College of Lake County health center will conduct free, anonymous screenings for alcohol problems as part of National Alcohol Screening Day on April 7. Screenings will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. in Room C003 on CLC's Grayslake campus and are open to anyone in the community. Appointments are not needed for screenings, which will consist of an educational presentation on alcohol problems, a written self-test and a one-on-one, confidential consultation with a health professional. Referrals to local treatment and support resources will be available for those who need further evaluation. For information, call the health center at 847-543-2064.

Local physicians chair cancer society board

The American Cancer Society announces the appointment of two local physicians to lead the Lake County Regional Leadership Board, chaired by Dwight Houchins, president and CEO of the GLMV Chamber of Commerce.

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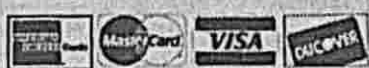
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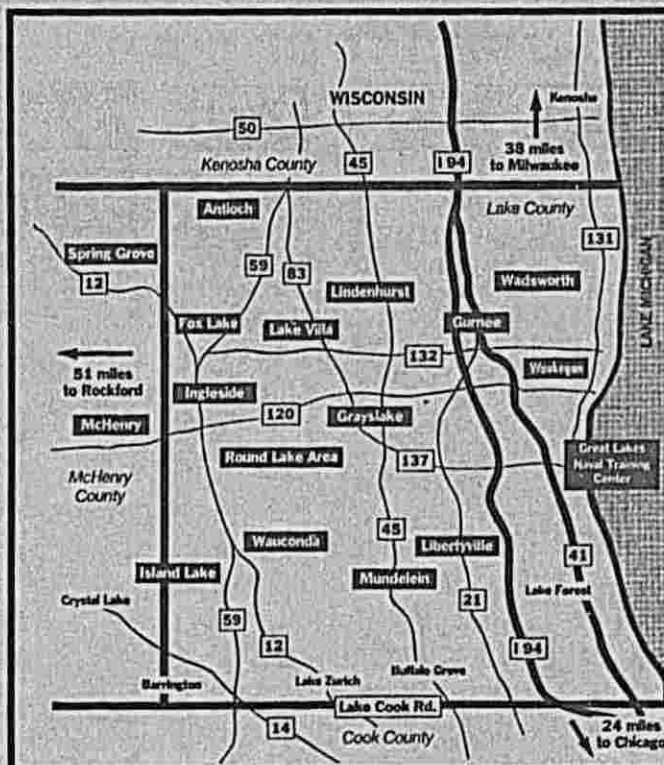
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By **Scott T. Fleischmann**

Have you ever noticed people who are always looking for the toughest assignments, those who develop unconventional solutions? Do some peers seem to enjoy doing the same work day after day, hour after hour? Have you seen those who arrive faithfully at 8:00 every day? They take a 30-minute lunch and leave precisely at 4:30.

Vive la difference! We each have different preferences and the various jobs in the world provide different requirements to match those preferences. However, it is good to understand those inclinations. Those who gain that knowledge have options. They can make informed career decisions.

Some years ago, when I managed a Midwest branch of an international consulting firm, I discovered one of the important characteristics for consultants. They need to be willing to live on the edge. No assignment is like the last. Every assignment put them in contact with different people, different problems and different technical challenges. Those who were inflexible or unwilling to take on new challenges ultimately failed.

In the same job, I had an administrative assistant who liked being at the same desk every day. She was focused on getting things done and worked independently. She would hear me rattle off a few sentences about what I wanted to communicate in a memo and she would have it written perfectly, in the first draft. I would tell her that we needed to organize a recruiting open house or a celebration of some sort and she would have it organized and present me with purchase orders weeks before the event.

She however did not like change. If I worked late some night and looked for something in one of her files or moved something on her desk she would be in a tizzy. She would not have made a good consultant. Conversely, Those who were good consultants could not have done her job because of the lack of diversity.

Although this job flexibility is only one factor in the realm of inclinations, it is a good example to demonstrate testing for preferences. So, how does one know if he or she is predisposed to change? Here are a few tests:

• Move the information in your desk drawers or file cabinets randomly. Move the files from the top right file drawer to the lower left. How long does it take to get comfortable with the change? If there is almost no disruption, you easily accept change. If you feel frustration every time you look for something, you are not as adaptable.

• For the next week, take five different routes to work. Is it exciting (an indicator of wanting to live on the edge)? Is it scary? Are you uncomfortable with the insecurity? Those are indicators of one who likes little change in life and jobs.

• When you have a question or need help at work do not ask the first person who comes to mind. Ask someone from whom you would not normally seek input, but who may also have a good answer. How comfortable is that process? What is stronger, the sense of adventure or the insecurity of what they will think about you and if they will provide the right answer?

We all have inclinations. In jobs, there are many options. Select the one that best matches your preferences. As preferences change, change jobs to match them.

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ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 1116 N. Cedar Lake Rd., Round Lake Beach, IL. 60073. (847) 546-0304.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Linda Lee, 199 Primrose Lane, Round Lake, IL. 60073, (847)546-5380.
STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Linda Lee
March 10, 2005
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 10th day of March 2005.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
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Received: March 10, 2005
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March 18, 25, 2005

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PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Solo Construction
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NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Jose Cornejo, 203 S. Maple Ave., Wauconda, IL. 60084, (847)778-4189.

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/s/ Jose Cornejo
March 14, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 14th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/M. Ricardina Cornejo
Notary Public
Received: March 14, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7085-WL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS: Caritas Alegres
NATURE/PURPOSE: Home Daycare
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 614 Shady Lane, Mundelein, IL. 60060, (847)949-6620.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Bartola, Rafael Mata, 614 Shady Lane, Mundelein, IL. 60060, (847)949-6620.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Joyce A. Konstantinow
March 2, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: March 2, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0311B-7053-FL
March 11, 18, 25, 2005

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PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Advantage Printing Services
NATURE/PURPOSE: Retail
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 32918 Battershall Rd., Wildwood, IL. 60030, (847)732-9154.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Adam Parr, 847 Sanctuary Dr., #304A, Lake Villa, IL. 60046, (847)732-9154.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Adam Parr
March 2, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: March 2, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0325D-7092-MN
March 25, 2005
April 1, 8, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Just-In-Time Motor Service
NATURE/PURPOSE: ORIGINAL DATE FILED: Nov. 8, 2004
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 25898 N. Arrowhead Dr., Mundelein, IL. 60060, P.O. Box 5772, Vernon Hills, IL. 60061, (847)643-0240.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the person(s) listed below has/have ceased doing business under the assumed name or has/have no further connection or financial interest in said business. Withdrawal shall be effective 3-10-05.
Daniel Wilkins
37 Riverview Ave.
Fox Lake, IL. 60020
(847)973-1816
/s/ Daniel Wilkins

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) withdrawing from the business this 10th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Jamie L. Hodges
Notary Public
Received: March 15, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0325D-7091-FL
March 25, 2005
April 1, 8, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Punjab Postings
NATURE/PURPOSE: Internet Business
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 25898 N. Arrowhead Dr., Mundelein, IL. 60060, P.O. Box 5772, Vernon Hills, IL. 60061, (847)643-0240.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Gagan Singh
March 11, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: March 11, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0311B-7052-LB
March 11, 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: El Caporal Restaurant
NATURE/PURPOSE: Food
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 622 Washington St., Waukegan, IL. 60085, (847) 336-9329.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Gerardo Lagonas
March 2, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: March 2, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0311B-7051-GP
March 11, 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Joyce A. Konstantinow
NATURE/PURPOSE: Design consultant for interiors
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 31074 N. Darrell Rd., McHenry, IL. 60051, (847)372-0242.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Joyce A. Konstantinow
March 2, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: March 2, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0311B-7051-GP
March 11, 18, 25, 2005

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PUBLIC NOTICE AFFORDABLE SELF STORAGE

Affordable Self Storage will dispose of goods for non-payment from:
Unit # 40 belonging to Anthony Raucel consisting of Misc. household goods.
Disposal of the items will take place at Affordable Self Storage, 133 So. Route 12, Fox Lake, IL on April 9, 2005 at 10:00 am.

0325D-7093-FL
March 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: A New Bloom
NATURE/PURPOSE: Design consultant for interiors
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 31074 N. Darrell Rd., McHenry, IL. 60051, (847)372-0242.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Jose Cornejo
March 14, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 14th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/M. Ricardina Cornejo
Notary Public
Received: March 14, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7085-WL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Gary Meyers Realty
NATURE/PURPOSE: Real Estate Brokerage
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 2640 Chelsay, Buffalo Grove, IL. 60089, (224)715-5555.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Gary S. Meyers
March 9, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: March 9, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0311B-7053-FL
March 11, 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Advantage Printing Services
NATURE/PURPOSE: Retail
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 32918 Battershall Rd., Wildwood, IL. 60030, (847)732-9154.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Gary S. Meyers
March 9, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: March 9, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0311B-7052-LB
March 11, 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Serenity Health Resources
NATURE/PURPOSE: Chiropractor
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 105 S. Main St., Wauconda, IL. 60084, (847)526-4040.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Kelly Paulson
March 7, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Cynthia M. Tysland
Notary Public
Received: March 7, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0325D-7097-WL
March 25, 2005
April 1, 8, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: The Shepherds Guide
NATURE/PURPOSE: Advertising
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 35050 N. Shoreline Dr., Ingleside, IL. 60041, (847)546-3146.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Kelly Paulson
March 7, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: March 7, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0311B-7056-FL
March 11, 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: The Shepherds Guide
NATURE/PURPOSE: Advertising
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 35050 N. Shoreline Dr., Ingleside, IL. 60041, (847)546-3146.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Kelly Paulson
March 7, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: March 7, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0311B-7056-FL
March 11, 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: The Shepherds Guide
NATURE/PURPOSE: Advertising
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 35050 N. Shoreline Dr., Ingleside, IL. 60041, (847)546-3146.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

To Last Known Address: Jericho, Charly
N2468 Winnago Point Beach Rd., Chillon, WI. 53014
Your right to use space(s) 003 at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, 500 Rand Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084 has terminated and you no longer have access to the stored property. DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS BEING MADE WITHIN 14 DAYS. The stored property is subject to a lien in the amount of \$365.00. This amount will continue to increase in accordance with the terms of your rental agreement until paid or the property is sold. They are itemized as follows: Date: 3/15/05, Rent: \$320.00, Inventory: \$30.00, Late Fee: \$15.00, Due Date: 3/15/05, Balance: \$365.00, TOTAL DUE: \$365.00

THIS SUM MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE 3/15/05 OR THE PROPERTY WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD. Any excess proceeds of the sale over the lien amount and costs of sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by you, or claimed by another person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, at any time for a period of 2 years from the sale and thereafter the proceeds will revert to Wauconda Self-Service Storage.

General description of Goods: Exercise bike, computer, printers, empty boxes.
Date and Location of Sale: 4/4/05 at 1:00 p.m. at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, P.O. Box 505, 500 Rand Road, Wauconda, IL 60084.

You may pay this sum and may contact the owner at:
847-526-5055

0318C-7081-WL
March 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROBATE DIVISION

ESTATE OF
PATRICIA ANNE KASPRZYK
Deceased.) 04P0996

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of PATRICIA ANNE KASPRZYK of Wildwood, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 22, 2004, to JAMES R. KASPRZYK whose attorney is Henahan Donovan & Isaacson, Ltd., 150 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1050, Chicago, IL. 60606.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085, or with representative, or both, on or before October 12, 2005, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ James R. Kasprzyk
(Representative)

/s/ James J. McManus
(Attorney)

0311B-7050-GL
March 11, 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE) SS

In the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth
Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Illinois
In The Matter of the Petition of)
ISAAC MICHAEL JOHNSON)
For)
Change of Name)

Notice of publication

Public notice is hereby given that on May 6, 2005, being one of the return days in the Circuit Court of the County of Lake, I will file my Petition in said Court praying for the change of my name from Isaac Michael Johnson to that of Isaac Michael Booker pursuant to the Statute in such case made and Provided.

Dated at Grayslake, Illinois, March 25, 2005.

0325D-7087-RL
March 25, 2005
April 1, 8, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE LEGAL VOTERS, RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF WAUCONDA, IN THE COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SAID TOWN WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2005 BEING THE SECOND TUESDAY OF SAID MONTH, AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M., AT THE WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL, 505 W. BONNER ROAD, WAUCONDA, IL. 60084.

AGENDA
ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2005
7:30 P.M.

1. REGISTRATION OF REGISTERED VOTERS
2. CALL TO ORDER-TOWNSHIP CLERK
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ELECT A MODERATOR
5. ANNUAL SUPERVISOR'S REPORT
6. GENERAL FUND REPORT
7. GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND REPORT
8. INSURANCE FUND REPORT
9. IMRF/FICA FUND REPORT
10. WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP SENIOR FUND REPORT
11. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND REPORT
12. PERMANENT ROAD FUND REPORT
13. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
14. ANY MOTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS FROM THE FLOOR BY ELECTORATE
15. SET DATE AND TIME FOR 2006 ANNUAL MEETING
16. SET MODERATOR'S SALARY FOR 2006
17. ADJOURN

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE ADDED ONLY BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING.

ROSEMARY MERS
WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP CLERK

MARCH 22, 2005

0325D-7088-WL
MARCH 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
AGENDA

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
37908 N. Fairfield Rd., Lake Villa, IL. 60046
TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2005
8:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of Moderator
4. Administrator oath to Moderator
5. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2004 Annual Meeting
6. New Business
7. Financial reports of all funds
8. Set time and place of next Annual Meeting-April 11, 2006
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

0325D-7094-LV
March 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

To Last Known Address: John M. Moeller
905 W. Wildwood, Fort Wayne, In. 46807
Your right to use space(s) 316 at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, 500 Rand Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084 has terminated and you no longer have access to the stored property. DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS BEING MADE WITHIN 14 DAYS. The stored property is subject to a lien in the amount of \$693.00. This amount will continue to increase in accordance with the terms of your rental agreement until paid or the property is sold. They are itemized as follows: Date: 3/15/05, Rent: \$645.00, Inventory: \$30.00, Late Fee: \$18.00, Due Date: 3/15/05, Balance: \$693.00, TOTAL DUE: \$693.00

THIS SUM MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE 3/15/05 OR THE PROPERTY WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD. Any excess proceeds of the sale over the lien amount and costs of sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by you, or claimed by another person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, at any time for a period of 2 years from the sale and thereafter the proceeds will revert to Wauconda Self-Service Storage.

General description of Goods: Mattress, boxes, bows, fishing nets, deer stand, chair.
Date and Location of Sale: 4/4/05 at 1:00 p.m. at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, P.O. Box 505, 500 Rand Road, Wauconda, IL 60084.

You may pay this sum and may contact the owner at:
847-526-5055

0318C7079-WL
March 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROBATE DIVISION

ESTATE OF
RANDY M. REU
Deceased.) 05 P 181

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Randy M. Reu, of Ingleside, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2004, to Martha Jane Reu of Ingleside, Illinois whose attorney is Ronald E. Griesheimer, 321 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, IL. 60085.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085, or with representative, or both, on or before August 26, 2005, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ Martha Jane Reu by
(Representative)

/s/ Ronald E. Griesheimer
(Attorney)
321 Grand Ave.
Waukegan, IL. 60085

0325D-7100-FL
March 25, 2005
April 1, 8, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
155TH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters, residents of the TOWN OF VERNON in the County of Lake and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the Vernon Township Administration Building, 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, Illinois, for the transaction of the business of the said Town.

Barbara Barnabee
Town Clerk
March, 2005

0325D-7098-LB
March 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Grant in the County of Lake and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2005 being the second Tuesday of said month, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. at 26725 W. Mollitor, Ingleside, IL. 60041, for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introductions/Set Ground Rules
3. Elect Moderator/Administer Oath
4. Acceptance of Minutes from 4/13/04
5. Supervisor's Financial Report
6. Supervisor, Clerk, Highway Commissioner, Assessor, Trustees, & Plan Commission Reports
7. Authorization to Sell any Items of Personal Property Over \$2,500 @ Auction or Garage Sale
8. Discuss Future of Grant Township Parks & Recreation
9. Electors Participation-Three (3) Minutes Per Elector
10. Set Time for 2006 Annual Meeting
11. Adjourn

Dated March 28, 2005

/s/ Nancy L. Nystrom
Town Clerk

0325D-7095-FL
March 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

To Last Known Address: Julia Dombroski
N1687 Elm St., Lake Geneva, WI. 53147
Your right to use space(s) 403 at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, 500 Rand Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084 has terminated and you no longer have access to the stored property. DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS BEING MADE WITHIN 14 DAYS. The stored property is subject to a lien in the amount of \$482.00. This amount will continue to increase in accordance with the terms of your rental agreement until paid or the property is sold. They are itemized as follows: Date: 3/15/05, Rent: \$440.00, Inventory: \$30.00, Late Fee: \$12.00, Due Date: 3/15/05, Balance: \$482.00, TOTAL DUE: \$482.00

THIS SUM MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE 3/15/05 OR THE PROPERTY WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD. Any excess proceeds of the sale over the lien amount and costs of sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by you, or claimed by another person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, at any time for a period of 2 years from the sale and thereafter the proceeds will revert to Wauconda Self-Service Storage.

General description of Goods: Table, snowmobile hood, boxes, dolly.
Date and Location of Sale: 4/4/05 at 1:00 p.m. at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, P.O. Box 505, 500 Rand Road, Wauconda, IL 60084.

You may pay this sum and may contact the owner at:
847-526-5055

0318C-7082-WL
March 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

To Last Known Address: Mark Jones
648 Brittany, Island Lake, IL. 60042
Your right to use space(s) 323 at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, 500 Rand Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084 has terminated and you no longer have access to the stored property. DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS BEING MADE WITHIN 14 DAYS. The stored property is subject to a lien in the amount of \$179.00. This amount will continue to increase in accordance with the terms of your rental agreement until paid or the property is sold. They are itemized as follows: Date: 3/15/05, Rent: \$140.00, Inventory: \$30.00, Late Fee: \$9.00, Due Date: 3/15/05, Balance: \$179.00, TOTAL DUE: \$179.00

THIS SUM MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE 3/15/05 OR THE PROPERTY WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD. Any excess proceeds of the sale over the lien amount and costs of sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by you, or claimed by another person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, at any time for a period of 2 years from the sale and thereafter the proceeds will revert to Wauconda Self-Service Storage.

General description of Goods: Nordic Track, tool box, tires, pet taxi.
Date and Location of Sale: 4/4/05 at 1:00 p.m. at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, P.O. Box 505, 500 Rand Road, Wauconda, IL 60084.

You may pay this sum and may contact the owner at:
847-526-5055

0318C-7080-WL
March 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

To Last Known Address: Harlan Horn
2519 Field Rd., Lake Zurich, IL. 60047
Your right to use space(s) 618 at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, 500 Rand Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084 has terminated and you no longer have access to the stored property. DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS BEING MADE WITHIN 14 DAYS. The stored property is subject to a lien in the amount of \$667.00. This amount will continue to increase in accordance with the terms of your rental agreement until paid or the property is sold. They are itemized as follows: Date: 3/15/05, Rent: \$474.00, Inventory: \$60.00, Late Fee: \$12.00, Ads: \$118, Due Date: 3/15/05, Balance: \$667.00, TOTAL DUE: \$667.00

THIS SUM MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE 3/15/05 OR THE PROPERTY WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD. Any excess proceeds of the sale over the lien amount and costs of sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by you, or claimed by another person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, at any time for a period of 2 years from the sale and thereafter the proceeds will revert to Wauconda Self-Service Storage.

General description of Goods: Washer/dryer unit, mattress, couches, Rubbermaid containers, tables, dressers, stereo, clothes.
Date and Location of Sale: 4/4/05 at 1:00 p.m. at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, P.O. Box 505, 500 Rand Road, Wauconda, IL 60084.

You may pay this sum and may contact the owner at:
847-526-5055

0318C-7083-WL
March 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters of the Town of Antioch in the County of Lake and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on: TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2005 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 P.M. at Antioch Township, 1625 Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa, IL. 60046 for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

TOWN MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER-TOWN CLERK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

ELECTORS CHOOSE MODERATOR

MODERATOR SWORN IN BY TOWN CLERK

MINUTES OF 2004 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISORS ANNUAL REPORT-READ BY CLERK

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SET DATE AND TIME FOR 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

ADJOURN MEETING

0325D-7089-AN
March 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Southern Exposure Tan Spa
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Tanning Salon
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
336 Peterson Rd., Libertyville,
IL. 60048, (847) 367-7500.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Jim, Kim Rollins, 2306 Coun-
try Spring Drive, Johnsburg,
IL. 60050, (815)759-9611.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the un-
designated intend(s) to con-
duct the above named busi-
ness from the location(s) in-
dicated and that the true and le-
gal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Jim Rollins
/s/ Kim Rollins
March 10, 2005

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
10th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/Beverly Rivera

Notary Public

Received: March 10, 2005

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

0318C-7061-LB

March 18, 25, 2005

April 1, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Solariss Photo and Video
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Multimedia Design, Photo and
Video
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
330 S. Lake St., Mundelein,
IL. 60060, (847)287-8493.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Marlen Lopez, 330 S. Lake
St., Mundelein, IL. 60060,
(847)287-8493.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the un-
designated intend(s) to con-
duct the above named busi-
ness from the location(s) in-
dicated and that the true and le-
gal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Marlen Lopez

March 8, 2005

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this 8th
day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/Barbara J. Noster

Notary Public

Received: March 8, 2005

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

0318C-7062-MN

March 18, 25, 2005

April 1, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Precise Medical Billing Spe-
cialists
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Medical Billing for Doctors
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
55 Rotterdam Dr., Antioch, IL.
60002 (847)838-6158.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Dianna Passarelli, 55 Rotter-
dam Dr., Antioch, IL. 60002,
(847)838-6158.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the un-
designated intend(s) to con-
duct the above named busi-
ness from the location(s) in-
dicated and that the true and le-
gal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Dianna Passarelli

March 17, 2005

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
17th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/Adriana Lomell

Notary Public

Received: March 17, 2005

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

0325D-7096-AN

March 25, 2005

April 1, 8, 2005

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Life In The Spirit
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Spiritual Companionship & Retreats
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
14 Devonshire Ct., Grayslake, IL 60030, (847)543-4588.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Bonnie, Phil Bjerning, 14 Devonshire Ct., Grayslake, IL 60030, (847)543-4588.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Bonnie Lee Ann Bjerning
/s/ Phil Bjerning
March 9, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 9th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Susan J. Johnson
Notary Public
Received: March 9, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7063-GL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
B.E. Interiors
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Purchasing, Restoring, Interior Design and Selling Properties
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
100 Crescent Knoll, Libertyville, IL 60048, (847)636-3332.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Brian Bess, 114 E. Sunnyside Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048, Becky Herdmann, 645 Paradise Ln., Libertyville, IL 60048, (847)636-3331.
Karl Englund, 100 Crescent Knoll, Libertyville, IL 60048, (847)636-3332.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Becky Herdmann
/s/ Karl Englund
/s/ Brian Bess
March 4, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 4th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: March 4, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7064-LB
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Marla's Nail Suite
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Manicuring
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
2 S. Lake St., Grayslake, IL 60030, (847) 223-1263.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Marla Kolarik, 711 Sycamore Ct., Lindenhurst, IL 60046, (847)265-1239.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Marla Kolarik
March 14, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 14th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: March 14, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7073-GL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Infomindsolutions
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Reseller/Consulting
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
5324 Conifer Lane, Gurnee, IL 60031, (847)249-7645.
P.O. Box 435, Gurnee, IL 60031, (847) 989-7645.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
James Schilling, 5324 Conifer Lane, Gurnee, IL 60031, (847)249-7645.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ James Schilling
March 9, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 9th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Linda M. Paulson
Notary Public
Received: March 9, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7065-GP
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
J.C. Rodriguez and Son's
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Landscaping
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1023 Hillwood Cr., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, (847)740-1227.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
J. Carmen Rodriguez, 1023 Hillwood Cr., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, (847)740-1227.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ J. Carmen Rodriguez
March 10, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 10th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: March 10, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7066-RL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Marla Kolarik
March 14, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 14th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: March 14, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7073-GL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: March 14, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7073-GL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: March 14, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7073-GL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: March 14, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7073-GL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: March 14, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7073-GL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Biggie
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Craft and Apparel Sales
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
229 Heather Ave., Grayslake, IL 60030, (847)548-4065.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Bridget Hanson, 229 Heather Ave., Grayslake, IL 60030, (847)548-4065.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Bridget Hanson
March 11, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 11th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: March 11, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7071-GL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Serrano's Trucking Service
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Hauling construction material & demolition
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1531 Idlewild Dr., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, (847)740-4860, (847) 627-0569
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Jose Gonzalez Serrano, 1531 Idlewild Dr., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, (847)740-4860, (847) 627-0569.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Jose Gonzalez Serrano
March 7, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 7th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Miriam Valding
Notary Public
Received: March 10, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0318C-7074-RL
March 18, 25, 2005
April 1, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME WITHDRAWAL OF
OWNER(S) OR
CANCELLATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
YESSI Engineering
Original Date Filed: 4/25/2002
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the person(s) listed below has/have ceased doing business under the assumed name or has/have no further connection or financial interest in said business. Withdrawal shall be effective March 8, 2005.

Richard L. Afferbaugh
624 Meadow Lane
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847)367-6728.

/s/ Richard L. Afferbaugh
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) withdrawing from the business this 8th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Victoria A. Villarreal
Notary Public
Received: March 16, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0325D-7099-LB
March 25, 2005
April 1, 8, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Victoria A. Villarreal
Notary Public
Received: March 16, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0325D-7099-LB
March 25, 2005
April 1, 8, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Victoria A. Villarreal
Notary Public
Received: March 16, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0325D-7099-LB
March 25, 2005
April 1, 8, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Victoria A. Villarreal
Notary Public
Received: March 16, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
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March 25, 2005
April 1, 8, 2005

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**LEGAL
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS**
Public notice is hereby given pursuant to a Petition on file in the Village Clerk's office of the Village of Fox Lake, that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Fox Lake, Illinois, to hear the Petition of North Star Realty Services LLC (Beneficiary of Trust) and Tyrone C. Fahner, owner of the following described real estate to-wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL 1: THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 9 TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4, 494.7 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE EASTERLY WITH A SOUTHEASTLY ANGLE OF 78 DEGREES 16 MINUTES FROM SAID WEST LINE 210 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON SAID EASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 305.8 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING AND THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF THE PREMISES TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12, 300 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST MENTIONED LINE 270 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY WITH AN ANGLE OF 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES TO THE LAST MENTIONED LINE AS PRODUCED NORTHEASTERLY 128.5 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST MENTIONED LINE 50 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST MENTIONED LINE 125 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST MENTIONED LINE 40.0 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST MENTIONED LINE 38 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 280.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TO WIT: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4, 494.7 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE EASTERLY WITH A SOUTHEASTLY ANGLE 78 DEGREES 16 MINUTES FROM SAID WEST LINE, 210 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 305.8 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12, 475.0 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 14 IN FOX LAKE MANOR; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO LAST MENTIONED LINE, 200 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12, 162 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS 13 FEET (MEASURED ON SAID PARALLEL LINE) SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF PREMISES CONVEYED TO NED SAYLES BY DEED RECORDED AUGUST 23, 1951 AS DOCUMENT 736297, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PREMISES HEREIN INTENDED TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EXTENSION OF SAID PARALLEL LINE 13 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF PREMISES CONVEYED BY SAID DOCUMENT 736297; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 60 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID PREMISES CONVEYED BY SAID DOCUMENT 736297 TO THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID PREMISES CONVEYED BY DOCUMENT 736297; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY WITH AN ANGLE OF 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES TO THE LAST MENTIONED LINE AS PRODUCED NORTHEASTERLY, 291.8 FEET TO THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF PREMISES CONVEYED TO ELMER G. HOMAN AND JAYNE S. HOMAN BY DEED RECORDED AUGUST 3, 1950 AS DOCUMENT 704873; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF PREMISES CONVEYED BY SAID DOCUMENT 704873, PRODUCED NORTHEASTERLY TO THE CENTER LINE OF SAYTON ROAD (ALSO KNOWN AS MCHENRY ROAD) THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD TO A POINT WHICH IS 72.74 FEET (MEASURED ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD) NORTHWESTERLY FROM THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 743.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND (EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PART FALLING WITHIN PARCEL 1 AND (EXCEPT THAT PART DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4, 494.7 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE EASTERLY WITH A SOUTHEASTLY ANGLE OF 78 DEGREES 16 MINUTES FROM SAID WEST LINE, 210 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 305.8 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12, 475.0 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 14 IN FOX LAKE MANOR; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO LAST MENTIONED LINE, 200 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF ROUTE 12, 162 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS 13 FEET (MEASURED ON SAID PARALLEL LINE) SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF PREMISES CONVEYED TO NED SAYLES BY DEED RECORDED AUGUST 23, 1951 AS DOCUMENT 736297, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PREMISES HEREIN INTENDED TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EXTENSION OF SAID PARALLEL LINE 13 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF PREMISES CONVEYED BY SAID DOCUMENT 736297; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID PREMISES CONVEYED BY SAID DOCUMENT 736297 AND SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE EXTENDED, A DISTANCE OF 70.0 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY PARALLEL TO THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF AFORESAID PREMISES DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT 736297, A DISTANCE OF 38.25 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 663.55 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF SAYTON ROAD THAT IS 123.57 FEET NORTHWESTERLY OF A POINT WHERE THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SAID FRACTIONAL SECTION 9 CROSSES THE CENTERLINE OF SAID SAYTON ROAD; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID SAYTON ROAD 50.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 743.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE SOUTHWESTERLY 70.0 FEET), IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 3: EASEMENT FOR ROAD PURPOSES OVER THE NORTHEASTERLY 673.75 FEET OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY 50 FEET AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY 13 FEET OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY 70 FEET OF THE LAND AS RESERVED IN THE DEED FROM THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WAU-

KEGAN, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST NUMBER 1027, TO ROY NORDSTROM AND HIS WIFE DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1960 AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 22, 1960 AS DOCUMENT 1090301 AND CONVEYED BY INSTRUMENT DATED AUGUST 6, 1970 AND RECORDED AUGUST 31, 1970 AS DOCUMENT 1471857 BY THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WAUKEGAN, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST NUMBER 1027, TO ARNOLD BUSCHMAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND OTHER PROPERTY.

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER WHICH POINT IS 494.7 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH WEST CORNER; THENCE SOUTH EASTERLY WITH A SOUTH EASTERLY ANGLE OF 78 DEGREES 16 MINUTES FROM SAID WEST LINE, 210 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF ROUTE 12; CONTINUING THENCE SOUTH EASTERLY ON SAID EASTERLY LINE A CHORD DISTANCE OF 305.8 FEET TO THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE DEED DATED AND RECORDED AUGUST 23, 1951, AS DOCUMENT 736297, RUNNING THENCE NORTH EASTERLY ON THE NORTH EASTERLY LINE OF SAID PREMISES A DISTANCE OF 270 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF THE PREMISES CONVEYED TO ELMER G. HOMAN, ET AL, BY DEED DATED AND RECORDED AUGUST 3, 1950, AS DOCUMENT 704873 FOR THE TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING; RUNNING THENCE NORTH WESTERLY AND ON THE NORTH EASTERLY LINE EXTENDED OF SAID PREMISE DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT 704873 TO THE CENTER LINE OF SAYTON ROAD; RUNNING THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AND EASTERLY ON SAID CENTER LINE TO A POINT NORTH EASTERLY OF THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH WESTERLY TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, (EXCEPT THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHERLY MOST CORNER OF THE DOCUMENT 704873; THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT 704873, 150.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 20.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 24 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF DOCUMENT 704873, 165.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 69 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST, 20.36 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 25 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, 18.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING) IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Location of property is: East of Route 12, South of Sayton Road, and Westerly from Christopher Lane.

The common address is:

Parcel 1: 75 Route 12, Fox Lake, Illinois
Parcel 2: 102 Sayton Road, Fox Lake, Illinois
Parcel 3: 0 Sayton Road, Fox Lake, Illinois

Petitioner is requesting the following: Re-Zoning and Special Use

Said Petition is available for examination in the Village Clerk's office at the Village Hall in Fox Lake, Illinois

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Marr, Chairman
Fox Lake Planning Commission
Dated at Fox Lake, Illinois
This 17th day of March, 2005
0325D-7090-FL
March 25, 2005

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Abeazee Electric
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Electrical
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
2810 W. 30th St., Zion, IL 60099, (847)246-4193.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Barry D. Reid, 2810 W. 30th St., Zion, IL (847)246-4193.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Barry D. Reid
March 22, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 22nd day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: March 22, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0325D-7101-GP
March 25, 2005
April 1, 8, 2005

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/s/ Doohyun Kim
March 9, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 9th day of March 2005.

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